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IN BRIEF

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IN QUOTES

"I know that our chances are better than 50 per cent that we will stop this runway from ever going through."
Paul MacInnes
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Group hires lawyer to fight runway

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association has obtained legal counsel as it continues its fight to stop the expansion of the Stanhope Airport.

Last week the association acquired the services of Rodney Northey, a lawyer with Toronto firm Fogler, Rubinoff LLP and, according to association president Paul MacInnes, one of the top environmental and municipal law experts in the country.

"It's rare to find [a lawyer with expertise in both environmental and municipal affairs]," MacInnes said, explaining that the association had done some shopping around before hiring Northey.

In a May 6 letter to Reeve Eleanor Harrison and the councillors of Algonquin Highlands, Northey wrote that, in the opinion of his firm, it would be illegal for the township to proceed with the

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Waving placards and singing protest songs, the Outloud Womyn's Voices let Algonquin Highlands councillors know what they felt about the proposed crosswind runway before last Thursday's council meeting. Story page 13.

Sooe! Fair introduces celebrity pigs

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

This year's Haliburton County Fair will feature celebrity pig racing.

Yes, celebrity pig racing.

While Minden Agricultural Society secretary and fair organizer Mary Minto says she's not sure exactly what this entails, it will definitely involve pigs running around a track.

"It's going to be our highlight as

far as entertainment," she says.

Put on by agricultural entertainment company Ken Jen Zoo, Minto said people will be able to sponsor pigs, which are assigned the names of various celebrities.

The 145th annual county fair will take place at the Minden fairground from August 21 to 23. Pig racing is on the fair's final day.

There will also be the fair's tradition staples — a Friday night demolition derby, horse pulls, children's entertainment, a midway

and giant roast beef barbecue.

A variety of musical acts are scheduled to entertain crowds at the fair this year, including Friday night headliners Ultraviolence and local group the Misty River Ramblers, who will be reuniting for the show.

"A lot of people from the area are going to participate," Minto says, explaining there will be a whole host of community talent taking the stage during the weekend.

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Twenty-two Minden firefighters responded to the Bobcaygeon Road fire on Tuesday night.

Fire brought quickly under control

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Members of the Minden Fire Department were called to a house fire on Bobcaygeon Road near the Rockcliffe Tavern just before 7:30 p.m. on the evening of May 6.

Fire chief Doug Schell said 22 firefighters responded and that the fire was brought quickly under control.

Schell said the home suffered water and smoke damage and while he said the fire had started in the kitchen he said he did not know its exact cause.

No one was injured.

Flood advisory still in effect

As of Tuesday, May 12, the flood warning for Minden Hills and the City of Kawartha Lakes remains in effect.

Flows through the Gull River into Gull Lake and Moore Lake continue to run substantially higher than normal and the forecast is calling for an additional 20-30 mm of rain over this week and into the long weekend. It is likely that the Trent Severn Waterway will be required to pass more water from the reservoir lakes through the system. This is expected to maintain the current high water levels on the Gull River through Minden.

Residents in all low-lying, flood-prone areas along local lakes and rivers are still being advised to take the necessary precautions to protect their property in the event water levels rise.

The Ministry Natural Resources is asking residents to keep their children and themselves away from all rivers and streams, as they can be dangerous this time of year.

It says Minden Hills and the City of Kawartha Lakes should continue assess the Gull River situation closely and emergency measures (such as sandbagging, road closures and evacuations) may be required. MNR is advising residents that watercourses are expected to remain above normal for the next several days. MNR will continue to monitor the situation and will apprise the watersheds municipalities of any changes or problems.

For more information about weather and flooding risks, and advice on what to do in the event of a flood, go to: <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca>.

Fair needs volunteers

from page 1

The society is always looking for sponsors to help with the operating costs of the fair and any interested businesses or individuals can call 854-0335.

Minto said organizers are also looking for volunteers to help with the horse shows, including any high school students who are comfortable with horses and are looking to fulfill their community service hours.

There will be a fair fundraiser at the Minden community centre on June 13, featuring a giant roast beef barbecue.

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Karen Hoestra relaxes and reads a book as she donates blood during Minden's first donor clinic on Monday. Hoestra, who is regular blood donor, said she is told that she's "like a turtle," and said it would be a while before she was done donating.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Minden hosts first-ever blood donor clinic

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It's in you to give and on Monday, dozens of Mindenites made their way to the Minden Hills Community Centre for the community's first ever blood donor clinic.

The clinic ran from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and after its first hour, more than 20 people had already registered, said Barbara Clark, a clinic recruitment co-ordinator with Canadian Blood Services' Peterborough office.

"It's great to see the community come out like this," said Clark, who seemed confident the clinic would reach its goal of 50 units — pork-chop-sized bags — of blood.

Minden's first blood donor clinic came to fruition partially thanks to Minden's fire department, which signed up for Canadian Blood Services' Partners for Life program.

Under the program, the fire department itself volunteered to donate 15 units.

"A bunch of us decided we wanted to give back to the community," said fire-

fighter John Hayes as he filled out the necessary paperwork in advance of his own donation. "It was something that didn't involve fundraising but was giving ourselves back to the community."

Because firefighters are constantly putting themselves in harm's way, Hayes said he thought it was unlikely that any members would have a phobia of needles.

"I think we're all right," he said.

Minden's blood will be taken to Toronto for testing and then distributed among the 50 hospitals that make up what Clark called the "Toronto region."

This region, she said, extends northward from the city and includes the hospitals in Minden, Haliburton and Bancroft.

Clark said there is a mobile blood donor clinic somewhere within the Peterborough office's jurisdiction every day of the year.

In June, July and August, the office holds its Sirens for Life drive, where fire departments, police departments and emergency services, along with their friends and family, compete to see who can donate the most blood.

Clinics will now be held in Minden four times a year.



Chad Ingram/TIMES



1, 2, 3, create

Toronto artist Frances Key visited Grade 1, 2 and 3 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School last week and helped them create a variety of art projects. Above, Grade 3 student Cailyn Robinson creates a colourful paper "shirt." At left, Jenna Hamilton chose a series of vibrant colours for her creation.

Kinmount's past comes to life in new mural

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Kinmount's post office will soon be adorned with a mural paying homage to the town's history.

Artist Brenda Mulholland, who makes her home in a rustic cabin just south of Kinmount, has been busy recently getting the work, which measures eight feet by 16 feet, ready for its unveiling later this spring.

Occupying an entire wall of her garage, the picture is of a turn-of-the-last-century downtown, one that doesn't resemble present-day Kinmount one bit.

"They're all gone, I think," Mulholland says, referring to the buildings in her painting, explaining that they were all lost to a series of fires in the early part of the 20th century.

The cityscape she has created across four large slabs of signage board are based on a series of old photographs displayed in a history book, which is sitting open on a stool in front of the mural.

Painted in brownish tones, the work is meant to resemble the antique photographs on which it is based.

Mulholland was asked by Kinmount's sesquicentennial

Chad Ingram/TIMES



Artist Brenda Mulholland works on a mural that will soon be mounted on the side of Kinmount's post office. It depicts the town's main street in the early 20th century.

committee to create the work in honour of the community's 150th anniversary.

Kinmount, like Minden, officially turned 150 on April 1 of this year.

"I'm thrilled," Mulholland says of being asked to create what will become a fixture of Kinmount's downtown.

"It's been a little outside of my comfort zone."

Mulholland's usual fair is done on more conventional-sized canvases. Her home studio is filled with acrylic col-

lages of nature scenes that include a number of materials from yarn to thread to birch bark.

She also does pen and ink sketches of local buildings and has done much watercolour work as well.

The mural uses both signage board and signage paint.

"They're meant to be outside and last a long time," she says of her materials. "There's no protection from the sun or rain or anything else."

Mulholland said the mural is tentatively scheduled to be unveiled at the end of the month. Between the original mock-ups of the work as well as mural itself, Mulholland figures she has spent about 45 hours on the project and expects she has another 15 to go.

The Kinmount and District Lions Club sponsored the commission.

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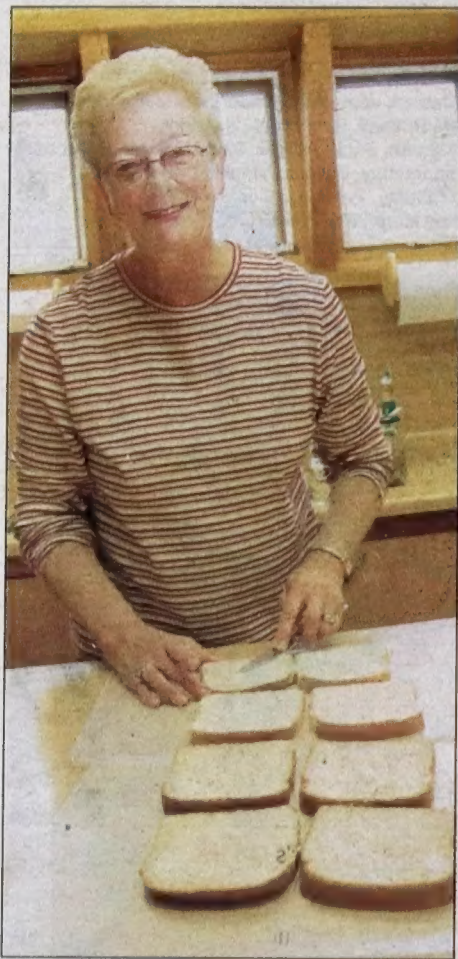
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Spring cleaning at Zion United

While she runs a tight ship, members of the Zion United Church in Carnarvon are happy to help tackle the annual spring-cleaning list of organizer Barb Walford-Davis. Arriving one after the other early Saturday morning, May 9, about 15 congregation members washed windows, weeded gardens, buttered bread, and separated sausages as part of the church's annual spring-cleaning and Mother's Day brunch at the church. Above left, Team Zion's Joan Chapple is the chair of the Zion United Church council. On Saturday she was busy buttering bread for sandwiches for the hard workers. Above right, Clara Miscio sprays and wipes windows inside the church while Loretta Lamb does the same outside. The church is also doing their part in greening up the old building. Walford-Davis says the church is getting prices for insulation and electrical work to be done in the near future. /Matt James photos

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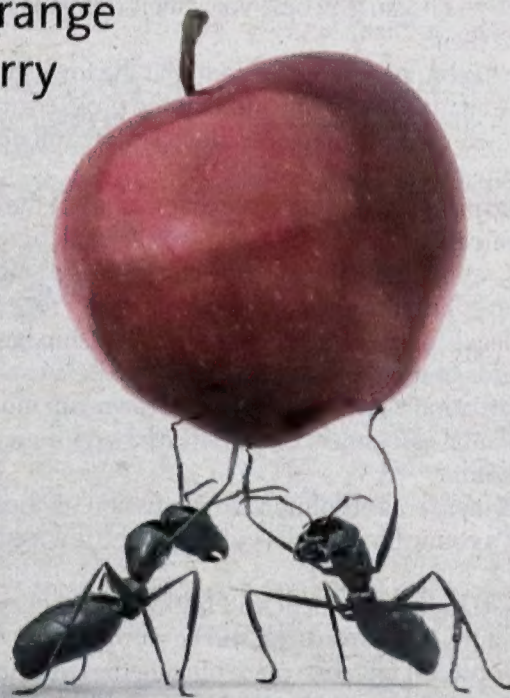
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Faint glimmer of hope

FOR A CHANGE, SOMETHING GOOD HAS COME OUT OF THE
PLANNED EXPANSION OF THE STANHOPE AIRPORT.

Prior to last week's Algonquin Highlands council meeting, a small group of demonstrators gathered on the lawn outside of council chambers, waving homemade signs and singing protest songs in the rain.

Last week the ill-conceived, unpopular and wasteful airport project shone a light on the residents of Algonquin Highlands and Haliburton County, showing their grit, determination and ability to come together for a common cause.

The early morning demonstration last week was of the pure, grassroots sort. These people were angry and fed up with feeling ignored by the people who they elected to represent their best interests.

Did the protest have any effect on the councillors of Algonquin Highlands? It's difficult to tell.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she fully respects the right of people to hold peaceful protests and as long as demonstrators refrain from disrupting council meetings or preventing staff from entering the municipal office, Harrison said she has no problem with people voicing their opinions.

After all, just because people voice their opinions it doesn't mean council has to listen to them.

After the February announcement that the township was approved for its Building Canada Fund grant and that the project would proceed, it would have been the inclination of many people to simply roll over, turn out the light and consider the thing a done deal.

It was inspiring last week to see that this is not the case for some individuals.

The members of Outloud Womyn's Voices, along with other community members, seem optimistic the project can still be stopped.

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association has retained legal counsel who believes the township has not followed due process with regards to the project up to this point.

The association's lawyer believes the township must perform a full environmental assessment on the site and says there are zoning issues that must be dealt with.

The fact there was absolutely no discussion on the airport project during last week's council meeting is indication the township is taking the comments seriously.

The association's president said last week he believes chances are better than 50 per cent that the project can still be stopped.

Another protest will take place outside the council chambers on North Shore Road on the morning of May 21, before the 9 a.m. council meeting.

Perhaps light can follow the darkness on this matter.

Perhaps it is not too late for the voice of the people to make a difference.

Perhaps it is not too late for the township's councillors to reassess their decision and see that proceeding with the airport project is simply not what the people want.

Chad Ingram

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Totally trashed

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Alleged conflict of interest on rail trail

To the Editor:

Should it come as a surprise that county council voted to allow Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail given that county council has delegated management of the Rail Trail to Trails and Tours, which is headed by Ken Hoeverman, the executive director of the Ontario Federation of Trail Raiders - I think not.

I attended the January 22 Rail Trail management committee public meeting. Concerns regarding Enduro bikes on the trail were not raised at that meeting, as Mr. Hoeverman is quoted as saying, because it was not a forum in which to argue against presenters. It was a forum

in which "the public" was to have a say, for consideration and decision-making by the committee and ultimately county council, on the uses of a public space.

Mr. Hoeverman then chose to bring his particular issue before county council on April 22, when the vote at the committee level to disallow Enduro bikes on the trail was not to his liking. County council on April 22 then took the liberty of overturning the committee's vote.

Bravo! Brazen conflict of interest and disregard for the democratic process reigns supreme in these here parts!

Ute Wright
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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

More
airport
protests to
come

To the Editor:

Thank you for your front-page coverage of the Outloud Womyn's Voices's plans to protest the airport expansion. Unfortunately, I was slightly misquoted in the article. What I said was: "It's offensive that's going on up there. I don't even live in Stanhope, I live in Linden, and I'm offended by it." I did say that ignoring democratic process is perhaps our major concern. However, I did not say that protesters are not looking to stop the project from happening." We are, indeed, hoping that, somehow, the council can be brought to some understanding of the serious impact of tree clearance, the imposition of fuel, emissions, noise pollution, etc., would have on our wildlife and already fragile environment.

To quote from our submission to Algonquin Highlands council:

"As the Outloud Womyn's Voices of Haliburton County, we are known publicly for our care and promotion of environmental values. We sing of the land - not in any sentimental way - but with the urgent conviction of the need for a new way to protect our planet that marks environmental voices all over the world. The Stanhope airport is not too small an example of the choices we are faced with in these days, for every choice, no matter how small, contributes to the growth or the diminishment of our natural resources. We believe that our decision contributes to their diminishment in many ways."

The Outloud Womyn's Voices will be singing this message for at least the next two weeks, at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 14 and 21, when we attempt, once again, to send a clear public message to Stanhope council. We invite everyone to join us in this protest.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Ludlow Green
Minden

Not again

RIGHT NOW, a misguided young man in the U.S. is serving out a suspension from his high school because he took his girlfriend, who goes to a different school, to her prom. The underlying reason for the suspension is that his school, which happens to be a fundamentalist Baptist institution, doesn't condone dancing or holding hands. Sounds reasonable to me.

Despite this, I just want to voice my opposition to these Draconian rules and the unrealistic expectations that they are placing upon its youth. Mark my words, this action will eventually have horrible repercussions worldwide, and that's unfair.

Like what, you ask? Heck, they're already in the process of remaking the movie *Footloose*. Do we really need to inspire a sequel to that? The answer, of course, is no.

For those of you lucky enough to be blissfully ignorant of that 1984 blockbuster starring Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer and John

Lithgow, let me assure you that one of these was enough. Yet here we are once again, poking that wounded beast with a stick.

For the love of all things holy, let the kids dance so we don't have to see any more movies about it.

It took me six long years to recover from the residual effects of that movie. Every time I heard Kenny Loggins' title track, I'd have flashbacks of Kevin Bacon snapping his fingers and hop-

ping rhythmically from hay bale to hay bale. Thankfully, I'm just about over that now.

Admittedly, *Footloose* did not have a traumatic effect on everyone. Why? I'll never know.

I mean here was a flick about a hip young city boy who moved to a small town where rock

music and dancing have been banned. So in a fit of teenaged angst, he introduces local youth to the music and at the same

time teaches them all to rebel while choreographing a fantastic dance sequence and romancing the minister's pretty daughter, finally convincing the minister that he and his beliefs were wrong in the

end. It's entirely plausible.

It's so relevant, in

fact, that it's being remade right now and will be released again in 2010. Coincidentally, I'm planning to retreat into a deep mountain cave for the duration of that year.

For now, however, I fear that the real life situation going on at that fundamentalist Baptist

school might inspire a slew of other dance related movie - maybe even a sequel. Can't they see that this works against the greater good?

I disagree with them on the rock music issue, but we're not that far off when it comes to dancing. Dancing is silly - and possibly dangerous if you happen to be wearing open toed shoes.

I even agree with them on the holding hands part. Though it seems harmless enough, in hindsight I realize that every time I held hands with a woman it led to other more dangerous things - like arm wrestling.

Once after graduating high school, a worldly woman held my hand for a bit and then asked me to come to her apartment that evening. I'll never forget her final words before walking away. She looked back at me and whispered, "Remember, no glove, no love."

Being a man of the world myself, I showed up with my brother's catcher's mitt.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

My Ridge springs leaks

THERE ARE GHOSTS in the sugarbush on Sapsucker Ridge.

One of them, from the peoples that spawned Algonquins and Hurons and all that came later, stops on the brow of the Ridge.

The hunt has brought him here for food, as gaunt from winter's hardships as the game that has drawn this first human up from the valley of the Gull River.

And though there may be no prey in sight, there is food all around him, the ground so carpeted with wild leeks that the forest floor almost has the look of a suburban lawn, even as it does now in 2009.

Or so I imagine it must have been on my 50 acres, since time before memory, since time before humans. All that I see each spring I want to have been here forever.

Oh, I know that the hardwood forest that now surrounds me may once have been dotted with giant pines but there must always have been enough bare-branched hardwoods to let in the sunshine that

marches a bevy of wildflowers through each of my springs.

It is a parade that marches over the Ridge each April and May, the same progression in the same order, marching through time, marching in quick step, racing against the shadows to come.

Even now, the parade's last float is in sight, the green leaves of maple and beech, basswood and birch opening up to roof over the forest floor, blotting out the spring colours at their feet.

This is a kind of vernal evolution that begins with the first leeks marching at the last snow's heels, then a symphony of spring beauties and trout lilies, dutchmen's breeches and bellworts building to a crescendo of trilliums white

and red and striped, and then the trees erupt in green and the colours fade.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Though it has been logged, once at my direction, and otherwise interfered with, the Ridge's human disturbances have been minimal, I believe.

There is not even the slightest hint that the land was ever cleared. The

Stinsons and Coxes who owned it before me left no old fencer-

ows, no stone piles, no ancient foundations, no souvenirs of failed human ambitions.

Its partridges and woodpeckers, its songbirds and raptors, its moose and its jumping mice, its frogs and snakes, its mosquitoes and black flies, must be descendants of thousands of generations that lived in

these hills before them.

The snapping turtle laying eggs on my roadside comes from a long line reaching back into the misty time before there were humans. She might as well have been here forever.

And yes, I know that humans interfere and bring in turkeys on purpose and deer by accident, scatter the seeds of loosestrifes and mustards across our landscape.

I know our county is filled with invaders, from black-eyed susans to daisies, mulleins to thistles, hawkweeds to bouncing-bet, even some of our buttercups and some of ours clovers. Bladder campion takes over my woodyard if I give it a chance and a blanket of periwinkle garlands my woodshed.

But these are the plants of open spaces, of old fields and forest edges. On Sapsucker Ridge, the woods that The Brown Dog Jiggs and I walk each morning, live through eternity, I hope, have always been and always will be pretty much the way they are right now.

Minden teen on mission to Malawi

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A Minden teenager will travel to Africa this summer in an attempt to brighten the lives of people affected by one of the worst diseases known to humankind.

In July, 16-year-old Kelsey Crowe, along with seven other people from the area, will travel to Malawi to do missionary work spending time with victims of HIV/AIDS and AIDS orphans.

"I want a more experienced look at how the world actually is," says the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student, seated in a comfortable middle-class kitchen in her parents' Minden home. "Right now I'm very involved with our community here. I really want to give back and do whatever I can."

Kelsey is a member of the high school's student activities council, the Rotary Interact Club and an annual participant in the school's 30-Hour Famine, a fundraiser for malnourished countries.

Dubbed Hands and Hearts for Africa, the mission is part of larger missionary work by Emmanuel International Canada, a multi-denominational global relief group.

Kelsey says she was asked if she wanted to take part in the mission by friend and classmate Matt Smith and his father

Steve.

Classmate Caitlyn Hunter will also travel to Malawi from July 8 to July 26.

"I'm excited," Kelsey says. "I'm not really nervous at all."

The missionaries will be helping complete the construction of a church, teaching families how to pray, delivering soccer balls and Frisbees and carrying out a number of other duties.

They will be living in a hostel and spending time in a number of villages during their stay.

"I know it's probably going to be a lot of hard work," Kelsey says. "And take a lot of emotional strength. Especially with the orphans."

She says she believes she will learn just as much from the children as they will from her and thinks the experience will make her appreciate her life in Canada even more than she does now.

"I hope to come back and share my experience with other people."

Kelsey and her fellow missionaries must pay their own way to and from Africa. The Crowes will be holding a yard sale at their home at 10 Hyland Gate on this Saturday, May 16 to help Kelsey make the trip.

That night there will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction at the community centre in Gooderham.



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Mindenite and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Kelsey Crowe will travel to Malawi in July to spend time with victims and orphans of AIDS.

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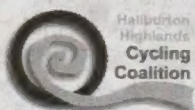
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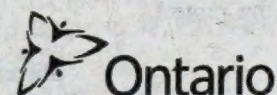
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520	Hwy. 124, north to the Hamlet of Ardbeg	632	Muskoka/Parry Sound district boundary, north to Hwy. 141 at Roseau

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Goose Dogs beginning work on Gull River

Starting May 1, goose management activity using trained "goose dogs" will be under way in Minden.

Dogs will be patrolling at various times of day with their handler along the Minden Riverwalk and in Rotary Park. Residents and visitors are asked to be careful when in the area of the working dogs, and to not disturb them.

While many of the geese in the area nest outside of the Riverwalk and Rotary Park zones, the dogs are being used to discourage the geese from spending time in the public parks. Residents and visitors are also asked to refrain from feeding the geese and goslings in these areas to assist in making their stay as short as possible.

Drivers of vehicles that travel along Water Street and Invergordon Avenue are asked to be especially alert for the dogs at work.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A11/2009, Part Lot 19, Concession 11, Township of Lutterworth, Gull Lake,
Applicant: Robert DUDMAN

Purpose: Proposing to raise an existing legal non-complying building in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone and requires the following variance:

1. 1.2m From Section 4.7.4 iii) to construct higher than permitted.

File No. MV A12/2009, Part Lot 32, Concession 4, Township of Minden, Kashagawigamog Lake,
Applicant: Carolyn M. STIRLING

Purpose: Proposing to construct two small additions and deck to an existing legal non-complying dwelling unit that will be closer to the front lot line than permitted. The deck will be slightly higher than permitted. The following variances are required in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone:

1. .61 m from Section 4.7.4 ii) to permit the addition to go closer to the front lot line;
2. 1m from Section 4.1.10 to permit the deck to be more than 2m above grade.

File No. MV A13/2009, Part of Lot 21, Concession 5, Township of Lutterworth, Otter Lake
Applicant: Grant D. WILSON and Steven K. HARMAN

Purpose: Proposing to construct a garage that is higher than permitted. The following variance is required in the Shoreline Residential Exception Twelve (SR-12) Zone:

1. .9m is required from Section 4.1.6.

File No. MV A14/2009, Part of Lot 13, Concession 11, Township of Minden, Twelve Mile Lake
Applicant: Penelope and William OBEE

Purpose: Proposing to construct a screened room on an existing deck which will project further into the front yard than permitted as well as be slightly closer to the south west side yard. The following variances are required in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone:

1. .06m from Section 5.2, Table 2 with respect to the south west side yard
2. 2.7m from Section 4.7.4 ii) to construct closer to the front yard
3. .95m from Section 4.7.4 iii) to construct higher than permitted.

File No. MV A 15/2009, Part of Lot 25, Concession 6, Township of Lutterworth, Moore Lake
Applicant: Custom Home Designs, Agent for Kyle and Michael Paolini

Purpose: Proposing to demolish a portion of an existing section of a dwelling unit and replace it with one that is slightly larger and therefore closer to the side yard than permitted in a Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone. The following variances are required:

1. .58m from Section 5.2; Table 2 with respect to side yard setback on south west side
2. 1.5m from Section 4.7.4 iii) with respect to height

HEARING DATE: MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2009

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 14 COTW, Council Chambers 9 AM
May 15 Tax Due Date
May 16 Household Hazardous Waste Day 8 am - 11:30 am
May 20 Riverwalk Pedestrian Footbridge Installation
May 28 Council, Council Chambers 9AM
July 1 Canada Day Celebrations-Downtown Minden
July 1 Canada Fireworks-Minden Fairgrounds
July 10-12 Haliburton County Sportsmen's Show



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Until May 30 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery - Wild Pacific Trail. An exhibition of work by Carol Finn.

May 14 at 2pm - Art Today & Beyond 2 Part Series Lecture - \$15 members \$20 non-members

May 24 Bus Trip to newly renovated Art Gallery of Ontario includes transportation and guided tour of gallery \$55 per person. Dinner at the KEG is additional. Bus departs township parking lot at 8am. Call 286-3763 to reserve

May 30 Stroll Through Memory Lane 50s/60s Dance. - Tickets on sale now at the Museum! \$15 pp

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Agnes Jamieson Gallery Call for Submission from artists for Around the Frayed Edge exhibition 2010. Visit the Agnes Jamieson Gallery website at www.mindenculturalcentre.com/gallery_frayed.php for application information. Deadline is June 15, 2009.

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

Fire Restrictions

From April 1 to October 31 in any year is "Fire Season." During Fire Season there are specific guidelines and regulations that need to be followed. If you require further information on these regulations, Fire Chief, Doug Schell, may be contacted at the Fire Hall. Call 286-1202 for further clarification.

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Summer Employment

The Minden Hills Environmental & Property Operations department is requesting applications for summer employment for one student to assist with a survey in determining water meter and sump pump connections/locations within residential homes within the Village of Minden. Other duties will also include assisting operations staff in regular maintenance of equipment and facilities. The anticipated start date for this position is June 1, 2009. Please mail or fax your resume, complete with a covering letter, to the Township of Minden Hills, Box 359, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, FAX # 705-286-4917 by 12:00 noon, May 20, 2009, attention of Mr. Bob Romberg, Environmental & Property Operations Manager. For further information call 705-286-1260, Ex. 216.

FACT OF INTEREST

The first Minden Home and School Association was organized in 1951. The aim of the organizers was to ensure the cooperation of the parents and teachers to work together for the benefit of the children. This organization would present a banner and a prize to the room having the largest number of parents attending the meeting. This organization is non-profitable, raising money when needed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to the extremely high water levels in the Gull River, the Riverwalk Committee will be unable to install the Riverwalk pedestrian footbridge from Invergordon Avenue as originally planned. Accordingly, there will be no road closure on Invergordon Avenue on May 19th and 20th, 2009. Water Street will be closed on May 20th, 2009 (whole day) for the installation of the pedestrian footbridge. Please stay tuned to your local radio stations for any further updates prior to May 20th, 2009 and watch for construction signs on Water Street.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 26th, 2009 @ 1:30 p.m. (Municipal Boardroom)
For the purposes of reviewing the first quarter financial statements

2009 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

Scotch Line Landfill Site
from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sat May 16th

Sat July 4th

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Fundraiser for Minden Hills Museum projects

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Minden Hills Community Centre

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Municipal Lapel Pins depicting the 150th Birthday are available at the Municipal Administration office for \$1.00. The new lapel pin depicts the Municipal logo and motto.

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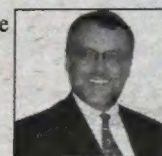
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Group more optimistic about fight's outcome

from page 1

Construction of a 1,220-metre crosswind runway at the airport until a few criteria are fulfilled.

"Put simply, we believe that any action to proceed with this proposal is illegal unless you obtain: (1) approval for this entire project under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act; and (2) proper zoning of all lands required by the new runway under the Ontario Planning Act," Northey wrote.

It has been the opinion of Algonquin Highlands staff that only an environmental scan — less thorough than a full environmental assessment — would be required at the site since the planned runway is less than 1,500 metres in length.

"It is also our further understanding that there has been no public hearing on this proposal, and, to date, one information session with very little public involvement in the fall of 2008," Northey's letter continues. "On this basis, the project appears to be at an early stage of public review and consultation."

Harrison said because the township didn't receive the letter until late afternoon on May 6, it was too late to be included on the agenda for the May 7 meeting.

The letter was not discussed by councillors last week.

There was also no discussion on the airport project at last week's meeting. While discussion on the project was an agenda item, when it came up, the township's chief administrative officer, Lorne Mitchell, said he had, "nothing to report."

Councillors reviewed the construction contract bids for the project on April 24.

Early this week, Harrison told the *Times* she had no response to the fact the association has retained legal counsel.

"The trouble is I can't speak to it," Harrison said.

She said a copy of Northey's letter had been sent to the township's own lawyers and said she could not comment on how the township would be responding.

MacInnes said the association decided to hire legal counsel after several letters to a variety of government bodies failed to give the association the support it was looking for.

"We were not getting the response that we needed," he said.

For months now, the association has insisted that a full environmental assessment must be performed at the site before the project can proceed.

"We believe very strongly that is the law," MacInnes said.

The association has also said it believes a full storm-water management plan must be created and that the township has not

followed proper public input procedures.

"[Council] has been incredibly determined to rush, rush, rush, keep this under the radar and do it as fast as they can," MacInnes said.

Councillors voted 3-2 in February to proceed with the project after they discovered the township was successful in its application to the Building Canada Fund, which will pay for two thirds of the estimated \$3.6 project.

However, projects must be completed within two years of the grant approval dates or the provincial and federal governments can pull their share of the funding.

Last week, MacInnes said he was optimistic that with its new legal counsel, the association could still stop the project from happening.

"If you'd have asked me that a month ago, I would have said the chances were less than 10 per cent," MacInnes said. "I know that our chances are better than 50 per cent that we will stop this runway from ever going through."

Acquiring Northey's services has been expensive and MacInnes said the township's four other lake associations have agreed to help with the cost.

"He's a Bay Street lawyer," MacInnes said. "He's not cheap."

However, MacInnes said his 300 or so members and the members of the other as-

sociations are "prepared to go the distance we need to go to stop this runway from being built."

In the last month or so, MacInnes has also met with MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson to discuss his association's concerns over the airport project.

While MacInnes said Devolin "has been a big supporter [of the project] since day one," he said he felt the area's MP was at least open to a second point of view after their discussion.

"We helped him to get information we don't believe he's getting," MacInnes said.

For instance, MacInnes said, the angle of the planned runway is such that it does not qualify as a true crosswind runway.

Another, he said, is that the five per cent slope of the planned runway is not sufficient to land or facilitate the take-off of medical aircraft, one of the reasons that was originally given for the need to construct a new runway.

MacInnes asked Johnson for his support to ensure that a full environmental assessment would be completed at the site. Johnson, he said, was going to get back to association after checking the facts that MacInnes had provided him with.

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Dysart man rejects tree-topping offer from Algonquin Highlands

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While Algonquin Highlands continues to negotiate with a Dysart property owner whose trees must be topped to allow for the expansion of the Stanhope Airport, the property owner said this week he is doubtful the negotiations will prove successful.

Andrew Kuzyk's 3.5-acre property abuts the airport along its eastern boundary. The township has said there are at least three old-growth trees on the property that must be topped up to 13 metres to allow for the safe operation of the planned crosswind runway.

Kuzyk has expressed concern that the tree-topping would drastically devalue his property and destroy its rustic aesthetic.

While Algonquin Highlands can take legal recourse to access trees on private property within its own boundaries, it remains unclear whether it has legal authority to access trees on private land in a neighbouring township.

When Kuzyk made a presentation to county council

last month, he was told by staff that the county would have jurisdiction over the situation only if annexation of property was involved. Since tree-topping requires only an easement, Kuzyk was told that the matter was up to "the local municipality."

Dysart council has resolved that it will not be aiding the airport project financially nor helping Algonquin Highlands gain access to private lands within its boundaries.

County councillors resolved that if Algonquin Highlands and Kuzyk could not reach an agreement, then the county would employ legal counsel to determine just who has ultimate authority over the situation.

This week Kuzyk said it seems unlikely that he will be coming to an agreement with the township.

"Algonquin Highlands have made me an offer of \$10,000 for vegetation rights," he said. "I declined their offer and asked for the information Algonquin Highlands based it on. They submitted back to me a letter stating they based it on precedent of other easement purchases."

"I feel their offer is extremely low since it does not consider what the runway expansion will do to my property values, my privacy visually or sonically or even insurance," he continued.

Kuzyk said he has been instructed by his legal counsel to submit a counteroffer asking for a substantially larger amount.

"I am in the process of making a counteroffer that I do not believe they will be willing to consider based on their initial meager proposal," he said.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said the township has yet to receive this counteroffer and said that Kuzyk has been invited to sit down and negotiate face-to-face with council and staff.

"He hasn't actually sat down and met with us," Harrison said, adding that she thinks negotiations would go smoother under these circumstances.

However, Kuzyk seems convinced an agreement will not be reached.

"Sadly, I expect I will be back in front of Haliburton County [council] again stating the negotiation has failed."



The Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Township of Minden Hills NOTICE TO ALL RATEPAYERS



2009 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

For the Ratepayers of the Township of Minden Hills

will be held on the following dates/ times at the Scotch Line Landfill Site from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

May 16th
July 4th
August 1st
September 5th
October 10th

For the Ratepayers of the TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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For the Ratepayers of the Township of Algonquin Highlands

will be held on the following dates and at the following respective locations:

May 16 th	Maple Lake Landfill	1-5 pm
July 4 th	Dorset Landfill	1-5 pm
August 1 st	Oxtongue Landfill	1-5 pm
Sept 5 th	Dorset Landfill	1-5 pm
October 10 th	Maple Lake Landfill	1-5 pm

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PUBLIC INPUT

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is doing a program and accommodation review of Cardiff Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School due to declining enrolment.

There is a Committee called the "PARC" (which stands for Program and Accommodation Review Committee). Members of the PARC would like to invite you to give your input.

This will be the final input meeting during the 2008-2009 school year.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6 p.m. Wilberforce Elementary School

In the interest of time, letters to the PARC will not be read aloud at future public input meetings, but will be available to the public in a binder. All input received will be read by PARC members as part of the consultation process.

Individuals or groups wishing to speak at a public input meeting need to fill out an Input Form and send it to one of the schools or to the school board. The form is found on the TLDSB website www.tldsb.on.ca or at Cardiff or Wilberforce Elementary Schools.

1. Presentation by an individual

Individuals may present to the PARC at one of the public input meetings listed above and are given up to 5 minutes to speak. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

2. Presentation by a group

One person representing a group or organization may speak for up to 10 minutes at one of the public input meetings listed above. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

3. Written Submissions

Individuals and organizations are welcome to submit input to the PARC in writing at any time. Input forms are available on the Board website and at each of the schools.

4. Question Period

There will be an opportunity at the end of each public input meeting for questions. Members of the public will be invited to ask questions of the PARC.

For more information please contact:

Susan Johnson in the Director's Office at 1-888-526-5552 ext 22104.



Members of Outloud Womyn's Voices and the Maple Lake property association held a musical protest outside the municipal building just before Thursday's council meeting.

Protesters in unison against crosswind runway

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

"If we lose this forest, if we lose this land, then we might as well be cutting off our own right hand."

This was the refrain sung over and over again by members of Haliburton County's Outloud Womyn's Voices as the choir staged a protest against the expansion at the Stanhope Airport outside Algonquin Highlands council chambers last week.

About 20 people – some members of the choir, others members of the community – demonstrated outside of the North Shore Road facility in advance of a May 7 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Some of the demonstrators waved homemade signs as they sang.

"Protecting earth's beauty, vitality and diversity is a sacred trust," read one.

"Earth is our mother. We must protect her," read another.

Taking a slightly more political bent,

another sign read, "Democracy hijacked on the cross-wind runway."

Council's decision to proceed with the construction of a 1,220-metre crosswind runway at the airport has been a controversial one. Council made the decision to proceed with the project in a 3-2 vote in February after members were informed the township had been successful in its application to the Building Canada Fund, which will pay for two-thirds of the estimated \$3.6-million project.

Three of the township's five council members were already inside the municipal office by the time last week's protest got started just after 8 a.m.

Councillor Don Shortreed, who supports the project, arrived during the demonstration and entered the building silently.

"Keep singing ladies," was the greeting from Councillor Carol Moffatt as she climbed the building's steps. Moffatt was one of two councillors who voted against proceeding with the project in February

and more recently was the only one to vote against taking out a line of credit from CIBC to pay for the project.

Choir member Brenda Peddigrew had prepared a written statement to councillors, which will be read during a presentation at Algonquin Highlands council's next meeting on May 21.

The statement expresses concern for the environment as well as concern that the project is proceeding despite protest in the form of letters to the editors of the area's newspapers and signs along the township's highways.

"How, in a democracy, can one or two people make a decision against a clear indication of the opposite position of so many citizens?" the statement reads.

It concludes by requesting that councillors reverse their decision and discontinue the airport expansion.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she respected the demonstrators' right to peaceful protest. "It's a democratic right to hold a demonstration," Harrison said early this week. "We see it all the time. Not that much locally, but demonstrations happen all the time."

Harrison said she had no problem with such protests so long as participants did not disrupt council meetings or prevent municipal staff from entering the office.

Another protest at the office, being organized by the choir and local minister Paul Irwin, is scheduled for in the hours prior to council's next meeting on May 21.

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The Art Hive in partnership with Environment Haliburton put a call out to the community to create items that included one component that had been reused, scavenged, found or repurposed. The recycled art exhibition and partnership fundraiser's purpose was to raise awareness and incite creativity in items now deemed useless.

More than 40 submissions were received.

The works will on display until May 30. An auction will take place on that day at 7 p.m. Some items are part of a silent auction and reserved bids are permitted for the open auction.



Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle models a coat made of shopping bags. The weird windbreaker was created by HHSS student Ashley McAllister.



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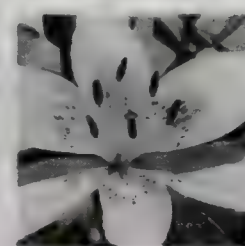
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Transport Canada found in 1996 that three-quarters of fatalities involving drivers age 65 and over occurred on highways and rural routes, where speed limits exceed 60 kilometres an hour. Drive Wise provides specific driving strategies to reduce the risk of collisions when travelling on these roads. And although seniors are not involved in any more collisions than other age groups on a per capita basis, they are at greater risk of serious injury or death once involved in a traffic mishap.

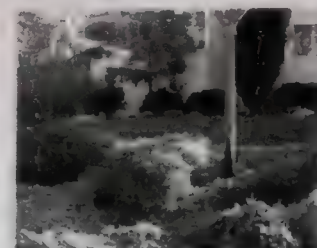
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Junior Red Hawks girls take flight

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team now has a 2-5 record with a win and a loss last week at the Nest.

Prior to Friday's match against St. Thomas Aquinas, forward Lindsey Pogue was Haliburton's prolific goal-scorer, having scored all three of the Red Hawks goals this season. But an offensive surge from Jessica Slade, Lucy Belli, and Chrissy Shaw, gave the girls a 4-1 victory on May 8.

Great goaltending from Jenny Woolacott and Jasmine Purnell was crucial in the win.

On May 6 the girls took on the highly skilled team from Fenelon Falls. The final score wasn't in the Red Hawks's favour but coach Amy Klose said after the game that the girls were victorious in almost every aspect of the game.

"We were consistently first to the ball, communicated effectively on the field, allowed very few shots, controlled the midfield, and had several good offensive chances," said Klose.



Chrissy Shaw, seen here in a game against Fenelon Falls on May 6, scored two for the Red Hawks against St. Thomas.

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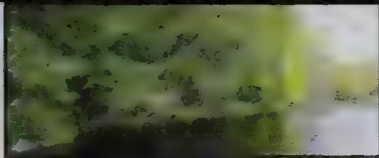
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Kara Pogue challenges a Fenelon Falls player on May 6. Two days later she scored a goal, helping the Red Hawks earn their first win of the season.



Matt James/TIMES

Maddie Watson tries her best to gain control of a wild ball against Fenelon on May 6.

Senior girls score year's first win

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Red Hawks senior girls' soccer team earned its first win of the season on May 8 with a 2-0 victory at the Nest against St. Thomas Aquinas.

"They're getting more aggressive with each game,"

said coach Judi Paul.

Prior to Friday's game, Shelby Perrin was the seniors' lone goal-scorer on the season, so goals from Maddie Watson and Kara Pogue were huge for the girls' confidence moving forward.

The win came after the May 6 loss against the offensively gifted Fenelon Falls Falcons, who waste little time

getting on the scoreboard. Despite great efforts by the Red Hawks to get the ball out of their own end for much of the first half, the girls were unable to stop the Fenelon from scoring.

While the Red Hawks couldn't quite match the offence of the Falcons, one characteristic the team wasn't lacking was heart. The girls never gave up and continued to challenge their opponents until game's end.

After allowing a handful of goals in the first half, the seniors allowed only one goal in the second half.

After the game coach Judi Paul addressed her tired team.

"As a positive," said Paul, "we played a great second half. You should be proud of the way you played."

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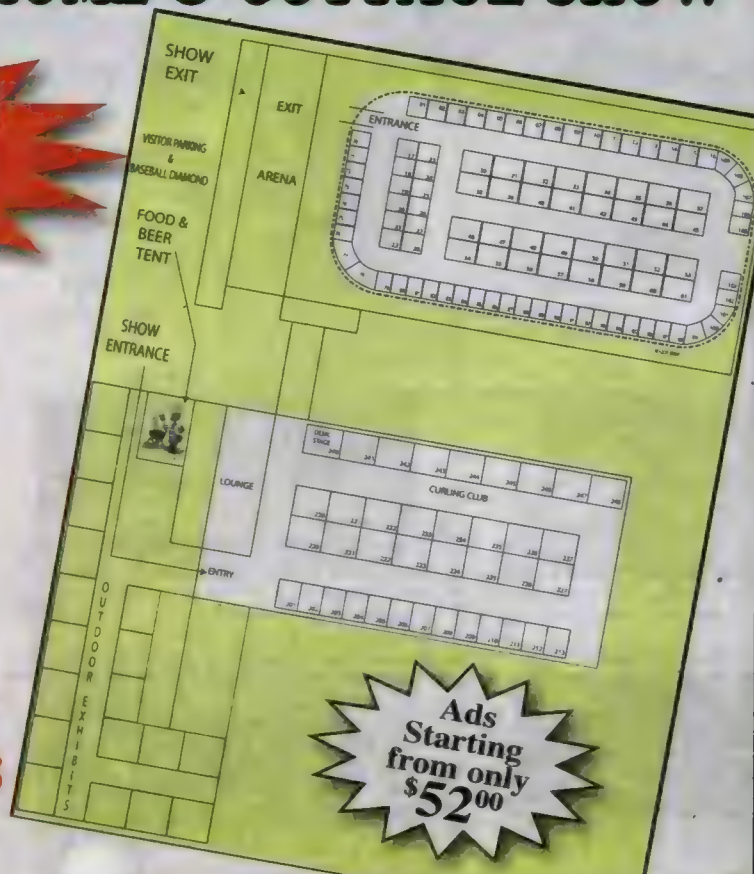
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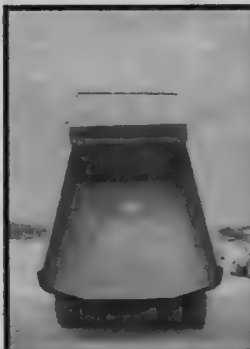
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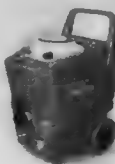
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Writer tells stories stitch at a time

by STACY KIRKBRIDE
Special to the Times

There are pieces of my history in textiles all over the place – unfinished sweaters, a small doll quilt from my grandmother, silk-screening from my best friend and a mountain of fabric pieces collected while travelling. It might be tricky to write and knit at the same time, but sharing stories usually becomes an immediate part of any knitting circle.

Starting in May, R.D. Lawrence Place will be hosting a new Knit and Lit circle. This gathering will be open to crafters and lovers of literature a-like. Participants will share memorable pieces of textile and tell the stories behind them. The circle is also open to those wishing to share poetry and prose (especially those featuring needlework) and delight in the community experience of crafting.

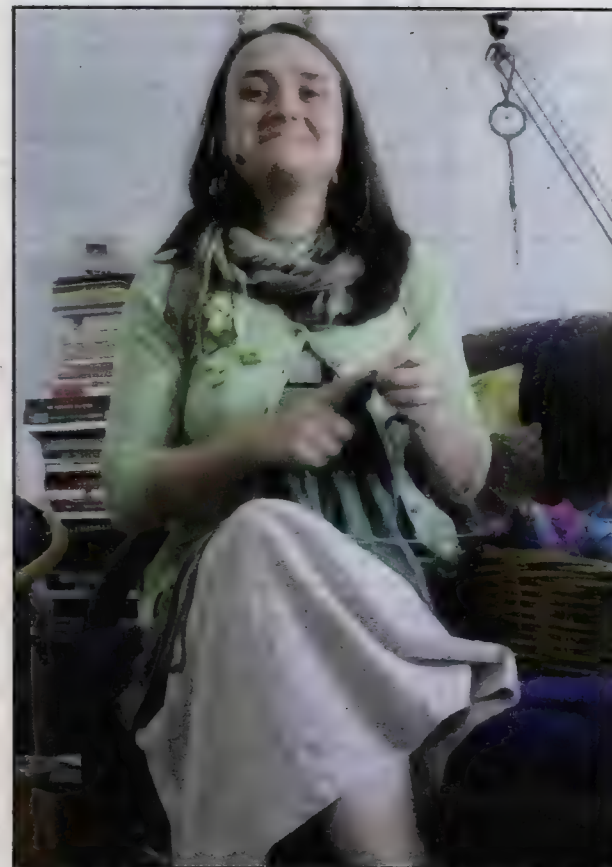
Each meeting will showcase a piece of women's history through textiles and literature. The first meeting will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on May 16 at R.D. Lawrence Place. Subsequent Knit and Lit circles will take place July 10, September 18 and November 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tracing the history between textiles, literature and women is not simple. It weaves, drops, and interlaces throughout all of history. Yet one connection remains. Out textiles have stories of their own. Textiles have been used for centuries to capture the richness of our history and the stories of our everyday (and sometimes not so everyday) lives.

The stories are not always what we expect. In *A Room of One's Own*, Virginia Woolf described Jane Austen keeping her literary work hidden under her needlework.

Woolf was discussing the limitations placed on women during a time when creative writing was largely deemed an unacceptable activity for women. Needlework in some cases replaced further intellectual pursuits for women, such as advanced math or language lessons. However, in other cases it served as an educational tool. The traditional cross stitch samplers, popular in the Victorian period, were tools not only for teaching young girls how to stitch, but also contributed to learning numbers and the alphabet. However, before needlework was considered the domain of women, it was men who were required to complete an eight-year apprenticeship to become textile masters.

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Stacy Kirkbride is the new writer-in-residence for R.D. Lawrence Place and will be hosting various programs.

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Paul Rosebush
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First knit and lit circle on May 16

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Today, my friends describe keeping their knitting needles, embroidery, and quilt squares tucked under the stacks of paper on their desks or quickly stashed in a drawer. Under-the-desk-knitters are everywhere!

My own history with textiles began when I was seven and my mother first taught me to knit. I still have the first tiny green scarf that I knit (with most of the good lines completed by my mother). My true appreciation for textile expression didn't come until my first winter away from home. It was during that time that I discovered humour in the shape of "grape" hats. I recently found a more sombre creation from that time, an old patch I created with the words "Don't Let It All Unravel" embroidered onto a piece of scrap cloth leftover from hemming a pair of chef pants.

Textile crafters are ingenious. Take Elizabeth Zimmermann, a revolutionary knitting book author, who noted, "a #6 aluminum needle has been known to furnish an excellent emergency shear pin for an outboard motor." A new generation of "craftivists" have emerged, blending the love of craft with environmental and social activism. There were large movements of knitters and stitchers involved in producing wartime comfort during both

world wars. The efforts of knitters were even recognized in popular Canadian war time songs including "Here's to the boys of 1-6-0" from World War I.

"So Let us be up and doing Yes
doing our bit alone
For we can knit socks
for our soldiers boys
and keep the fires burning at home"

That tradition is now extended with crafters engaging in an incredibly vast and varied list of involvements around the globe. Their acts range from "revolutionary knitting circles/discussion groups" to textile graffiti in public spaces to fundraising. There is an obvious connection between handcrafts, empowerment and creating 'community.'

Some examples of current revolutionary stitching include **Knitters Without Borders** a Toronto-based initiative that helps collect financial contributions from the knitting community to support Doctors Without Borders. Beryl Tsang, also from Toronto, created **Tit-Bits**. This company helps connect mastectomy patients with knitted breast prostheses. The concept might seem strange to some, but the products provide affordable solutions that also bring a sense of fun, creativity and personal connection beyond the typical purchase of medical products. Tsang also helps to raise funds through the sale of her

Tit-Bits and by engaging in breast cancer fundraisers.

Long before the advent of written languages, stories have been recorded in a variety of mediums including painting, carving, pottery and textiles. Textiles are in fact not always what they seem. To some, a quilt, scarf or pair of socks may simply be a material object. However, all of these objects may represent a more complex history. Many of the cable patterns commonly included in modern knitting were passed down from generations tracing a long history of mothers, daughters, travel and new beginnings. Women who could not read or write passed down intricate patterns to their daughters that had travelled the course of multiple generations of knitting needles. There is also the harsh reality that includes a long and continuous battle for fair trade and rights for textile workers. The very rights and freedoms we enjoy while sitting around a knitting circle or stitching up a gift, are not universally enjoyed. Millions of textile workers endure outrageous work conditions and little hope for change.

But textiles are also the story of hope. Take for example the Guarayrapana Textile Cooperative of Venezuela. This community-based project helps women use their textile talents to succeed economically, meanwhile providing funding for further education, training and interest-free loans.

You can share your own textile stories or even a poem about textiles during the four Knit and Lit evenings to be held at R.D. Lawrence Place.

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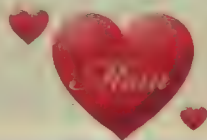
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Last week's column didn't happen, gee I wonder why?



Mother's Day was a happy day for the mothers of these students from ASEs. Their names were drawn from the entries in the Minden Times Mother's Day Colouring Contest. Samantha Steffensen, Karley Wilson, Brenna Hie (chose a gift for sister Jorja), Sara Bull, Jackson Gartshore (chose a gift for brother Davis) and Haley Moore (chose a gift for sister Sydney), Rylee Campbell and Aiden Neave were absent. Thank you to the generosity of our participating businesses; Dominion Hotel, Minden Pharmasave, Jewels, Highland Pharmacy, Minden Home Hardware, Carey's Garden Centre, Wind in the Willows II Day Spa and That Place in Carnarvon.



As a follow-up to Bella, she is doing fine and the puppies now have their eyes open and are starting to figure out how to stand on their feet. They manouver from one side of the cage to other, huddle in a group, eat, sleep and basically do what most puppies do.

Just one question... do diapers come in extra, extra tiny?

Mark your calendars for a Granny Tea Party, which will happen June 7 between 2 and 4 p.m. at the Zion United Church. It will be an afternoon of live music, tea and goodies, door prizes, loonie auction and more!

Admission is \$2 each and if you require more information or tickets, please call 286-2198.

A little background: Grannies to Grannies was estab-

lished to help grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren because the parents have died of HIV. As you probably know, conditions in Africa are pretty tough in that the grandmothers have a difficult time putting food on the table to feed these children. Since this cause started under the Stephen Lewis Foundation is getting closer to covering the food situation, they will eventually start to work on enabling children to go to school, providing them with the necessary uniforms and books. This will immensely help the grandmothers in Africa who don't have the option of getting a job to pay for any extras other than the food

So remember to show up June 7 to have a little fun, meet your friends, make new ones and support this cause.

Another event to mark on your calendars - Relay for Life will take place on June 12 and 13 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Another fantastic bit of information is that in 2008 because of contributions, the Haliburton Highlands event raised \$190,000 locally and more than \$16.4 million from events across Ontario to help in this fight against cancer.

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Busy Victoria Day in Kinmount

Farmers' market at Austin Sawmill will open for season



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This Victoria Day weekend will be a busy one here in Kinmount and area. The popular farmers' market, located at the gateway to Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, will open for the season welcoming visitors every Saturday until Thanksgiving from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inside the historic Kinmount Station the model train exhibit along with many railway artifacts is a must see for railroaders of every age. At the Artisans' Marketplace, celebrating its 10th anniversary, a line of postcards featuring historical photos is now available. Visitors to the marketplace, located on the lower level of the community centre, who make a total purchase of \$10 or more from the wide selection of local visual arts and handcrafts will receive a free draw ticket on a beautiful quilt made by member Barbara Leffering.

The Kinmount Legion sends along these notices. Please note that the legion will not be holding a dinner and loonie auction on May 23 as previously announced. The Legion apologizes for any inconvenience this cancellation may have caused. A second cancellation is announced with regard to the Tuesday lunches. Lunch will not be available on Tuesday, May 26 due to a previously scheduled event at the branch on that date. The big bucks bid euchre scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month at the Legion will be coming up on May 20 at 11 a.m. The cost is only \$10 per person and includes a

delicious lunch.

The Legion's provincial service officer, Scott Young, will be available at the Haliburton Legion on June 16 to assist veterans, ex-service personnel, spouses or dependants. Here in Kinmount if you would like an appointment with him or have questions about assistance please call the branch service officer John Deak at 488-1110. Remember you do not have to be a Legion member to qualify for assistance.

The Kinmount Pharmacy is now settled in and open to serve customers at its new location in the lower level of the Kinmount & District Health Centre, 31 County Road 503. The scheduled hours are Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watch for more news about Customer Appreciation Day on June 20 in conjunction with the official opening of the expanded health centre facility. The pharmacy phone number remains 488-1960.

OPP officers will be at the Galway Hall this Thursday, May 14 leading a Drive Wise seminar sponsored by the Galway Community Police Committee starting at 2 p.m. The seminar is particularly designed to meet the needs of mature Canadians offering valuable tips, suggestions and strategies as preventative measures against the most likely causes of collisions and other mishaps on the road. There is no charge for the session and light refreshments will be served. For more information call 488-1211.

Join a Rail Trail Ramble this Sunday, May 17 with family, neighbours and friends. The Friends of the Rail Trail has organized a series of leisurely walks on different sections of the trail each Sunday in April and May. This informal community walk will leave the Kinmount

Station at 2 p.m. but do allow time to visit the historic model railway display in the Kinmount Station before heading out. Along with the Rambles brochure be sure to pick up a companion booklet at the Station or Artisans Marketplace which points out features along the trail. For information call Beth Madole at 705-457-9324.

The Haliburton Highlands Grannies in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation are holding a Granny Tea Party on Sunday, June 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon. Admission is \$12 and there will be live music, tea and goodies, door and table prizes, a loonie auction and much more. For tickets please call Joan at 286-2196. Funds raised are directed through the foundation to assist African grandmothers struggling to care for their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. There are so many young and old bravely struggling to cope who deserve our compassion.

Notices



NOTICE

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE BUCKSLIDE ROAD

Notice is hereby provided that Buckslide Road shall **BE CLOSED** to traffic at the Buckslide Dam Bridge from **MAY 19, 2009 to AUGUST 14, 2009** for the Buckslide Dam Bridge Rehabilitation.

To access Buckslide Road north of the bridge, take Buckslide Road off Highway 35.

To access Buckslide Road south of the bridge, follow Kushog Lake Road to Buckslide Road.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands wishes to apologize for the inconvenience and thanks the traveling public for their cooperation during this road closure.

Inquires may be directed to:

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NOTICE

TO BOAT OWNERS AND MARINA & BOAT STORAGE OPERATORS IN ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

RE: BOAT SHRINK-WRAP

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will be accepting boat shrink-wrap at all Township of Algonquin Highlands landfill sites for the 2009 BOATING SEASON ONLY. The boat wrap will be collected and shipped for recycling.

A tipping fee of \$20 per cubic yard will be charged, in accordance with the fees for bulk waste.

The material **MUST** be clean and free of foreign material such as rope, strapping, lumber, sand and gravel, etc. Contaminated or dirty material will not be accepted for recycling or disposal.

A valid Algonquin Highlands Landfill User ID card must be shown.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010, boat shrink-wrap **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** at any Algonquin Highlands landfill site for recycling or disposal. Boat owners, marina operators, and boat storage operators will be responsible for making their own arrangements for recycling/disposal.

For more information, contact:

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TODAY'S PAPER**



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Viewing Contact: Shelley Schell (705) 457-1680 x. 6730
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For further information, please contact Cindy English, (705) 749-5520, Ext 1608 or Shelley Schell, (705) 457-1680 Ext 6730.

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Heritage museum opens this Saturday

Opening day at the Dorset Heritage Museum is Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. which will include the special mural unveiling at 2 p.m.

There are a few things left to do to be ready for opening day so if anyone can help the museum, they will be in on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and can arrange to be there at other time slots if that day does not suit. Volunteers could also work independently on some projects, as they are outside and supplies needed could be arranged by contacting Norm at 705-766-2814 or by leaving a message at the museum at 705-766-0323.

There are good jobs for students needing volunteer



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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hours and these could be done after school - spread the word! If you think you could help the museum out with any of these projects let them know or stop in and please forward this to anyone that may be able to help - they would appreciate it. More hands, less work, more fun!

Some of the projects that need to be completed by May 15 include raking off flower beds and flower box under sign; lightly sand, and varnish memorial bench on the lawn; touch up benches under decking; stain wood decking in front of main entrance; truck needed or work with Norm to take stuff to landfill; weather stripping installed on bottom of one door; lights installed in track lighting system, to highlight new exhibit; dusting and putting back existing displays (almost there) and sweeping off sidewalk, path, rake small lawn area near museum entrance.

see LESS TRASH page 25

Garage Sales

YARD SALE

Sat., May 16th
8 am

Lot's of Great Items!

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YARD SALE

Saturday, May 16th
& Sunday, May 17th
8am - 3pm

Plenty of great items, including Household Items

2110 Horseshoe Lake Rd.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 16th

SAILBOAT &
MUCH MORE!

2126 Northshore Rd.
Mankla Lake

GARAGE SALE

Saturday May 16th
Starts at 8AM

Baby furniture,
toys, clothes &
other items

1255 Hunter Creek Rd.
South of Minden on Hwy 35

YARD SALE

Sat., May 16th
& Sun., May 17th
8AM - 3PM

HUGE SELECTION
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MAY LONG WEEKEND

- Household Effects
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Saturday May 16th starting at 9:00 am
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SATURDAY
MAY 16TH
8 AM

Minden Fair Grounds
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SAT., MAY 16
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8AM - 4PM
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YARD SALE

Sat, May 16th
8AM

Rain
— or —
Shine

2414 Gelert Rd.

LARGE GARAGE SALE

Sat. May 16th
8am - 3pm

Lots of Great Items

(no children's toys)

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YARD SALE

Saturday May 16th
8:00AM to 12:30PM

HOT DOGS
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Prentice Street off
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YARD SALE

Sat., May 16th
9AM-1PM

Lots of Great Items...
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MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE

Sat., May 16th
9am

- Furniture
- Windsurfer
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Sat., May 16th
Sun., May 17th
8am - 3pm
Rain or Shine

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Less trash found

from page 4

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make Dorset Pitch-In Day which took place on Saturday, May 2, a great success. Thanks to helpers from the Dorset Lions Club, Dorset Community Policing and the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department as well as the many individuals who came out to help.

One enterprising volunteer came up with 45 beer cans, 17 beer bottles and seven wine bottles which included two champagne bottles and even had a theory as to who the culprits could be by determining which side the bulk of the bottles were found on. Almost all the volunteers commented that the winter accumulation of trash seemed to be less this year. Perhaps the word is finally getting out that littering is just wrong. Let's hope so!

Algonquin Highlands is hosting a household hazardous waste day at the Maple Lake Landfill site on Saturday, May 16 from 1 to 5 p.m.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing meeting on Tuesday, May 19 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Drew Baker, a cottager on Kawagama Lake, says that Hydro One plans on spraying a triclopyr containing herbicide called Garlon 4 under the hydro lines on properties around the lake. Triclopyr and Garlon 4 have many reported negative effects (especially on aquatic life). To decline to have your property sprayed: Call 1-888-664-9376. Go to the services section of the menu. Next, speak to a service representative about forwarding your request to not be sprayed to the forestry department in charge of Sherbourne and McClintock Townships.



ATV training for youth

Last week, the *Times* inadvertently put in the wrong photograph to illustrate a short story about a driving safety course for youth recently offered by the Haliburton ATV Association, for which we apologize. The course was offered at the South Wind Motel.

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8am-3pm

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GARAGE SALE

Sat., May 16th
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Spring has sprung at Hyland Crest

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Happy spring everyone!

It seems like such a long time since we have written of our happenings here at Hyland Crest.

Unfortunately we had quite a cold go through here and could not have any of our groups come in to play music or have tea with us. But we had a reprieve for a few days

and a few of us did get the opportunity to go to Haliburton Legion for St. Patrick's Day lunch, an event that we enjoyed immensely. Unfortunately though, the cold came back and it slowed us all down again for awhile.

Finally, the "bug" was gone just in time for the Carnarvon spring tea where we donned our spring bonnets that were decorated for Earth Day. Eunice, Muriel, Hazel, Elli, Lilian, Blanche and Olive all had a wonderful time at the tea, even though it was a very rainy day.

Now that we are back in full swing, there has been a lot of exciting things happening; several of us went to the Legion for lunch to enjoy roast beef, squash rings, mashed potatoes, soup and a delectable dessert. We so love going to our lunches at the Minden Legion once a month, and hope the wonderful ladies there continue this wonderful event.

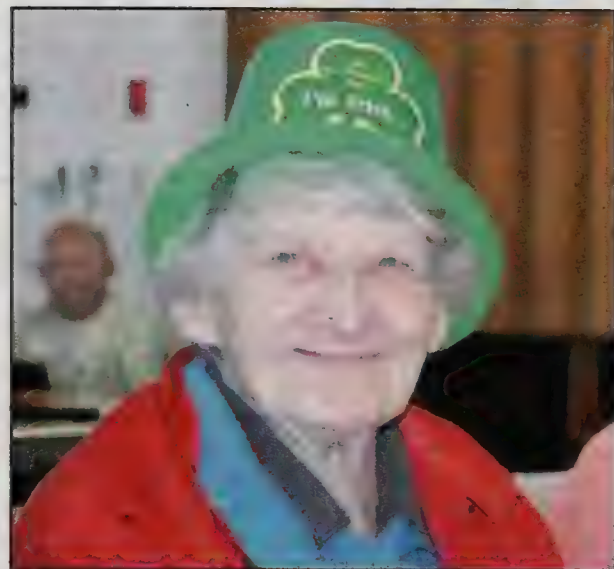
The Old Tyme Tunes, the Uptons and the Hot Flashes have been back to entertain us and we certainly were happy to have our live music again; our dancing legs were getting rusty!

Our condolences go out to the families of Gord Martin,

Ella Toye, Jean McGue, Iris Adamson and Madge Morris. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Well that's it for another month, we are looking forward to the month of May when our activities will be back to full swing and we will be "staring right at summer!"

Until then, take care and God bless.



Hyland Crest resident Reta Hughes during this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration.

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May 15th, 2009

Registration 7:00 am - 7:30 am

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FRIDAY, May 15th

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WINTERGREEN

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Open Sat. May 16, Sun. May 17, Mon. May 18
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The recital is called Anniversaries: Handel and Mendelsohn.... And a Few Others. It's an enriching and entertaining afternoon of organ selections: some well-known, others about to be.

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May 15: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12 - 1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 3

May 16: Aaah! The long weekend! Gooderham United Church invites you to their Yard Sale - Lots of goodies Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you that day. Donation welcome

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May 20: Bowlers Needed - Minden Healthcare Auxiliary is hosting a Bowl-A-Thon from 1:30 - 5:00 pm. To preregister or for more information please contact Marilyn 286-4925 or Val Lennox 286-1476.

May 20: S.O.S - Save Our School - The meeting regarding the possible closure of Wilberforce Elementary School will take place on Wednesday May 20th at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce at 6 p.m. Please come and show your support.

May 20: WI Meeting will be held at Hannah's at 1:30 pm - For more information please call Hannah 286-3325 or Pam 754-2564

May 21: OEYC Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce on from 9:30 am - 12 pm - Families with children 0 to 6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989

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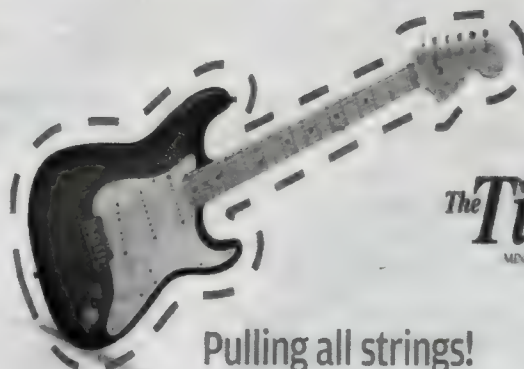
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DEANS, George William - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Joyce Bernice Deans (nee Petrie) (2006). Dear father of Catherine (deceased 1962), Barbara Phillips, and Elizabeth Deans. Loving Grandpa of David, Wayne, Justin and great grandpa of Savannah. Dear brother of James (deceased), Minnie (deceased), Hettie (deceased), Peg, and Arthur. Missed by his friendly felines; Lacey, Mully, Buddy and the late Tobey. Friends are invited to visit at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Monday, May 11, 2009 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, Minden. Memorial Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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DONALDSON-CUMMINGS, Karen Emily - Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, May 7, 2009. Beloved wife of Ron, dear sister to Diane and Donna. Loving aunt to Kristen (Bryan), Heather (Nathan), Michelle, Jim, Elizabeth, Ron, Kim, Jody, Rich, Heather, Lil, Josie, Andy, Kelly, Shauna, Paul and Collin. Fondly remembered by her many friends. It was Karen's wish to have a Private Family Service at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, May 23, 2009. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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SMITH, Chad Ryan - Passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 9, 2009. At the age of 27. Beloved son of Faye and Greg Smith, dear brother of Kirk and Dayle Smith, and Uncle Chad to Brenden and Emma. Fondly remembered by his many friends and family. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

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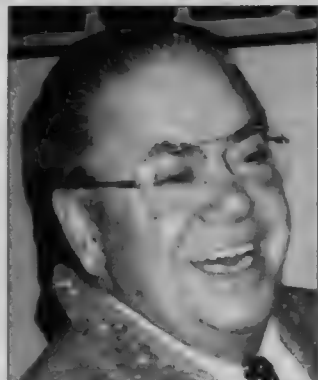
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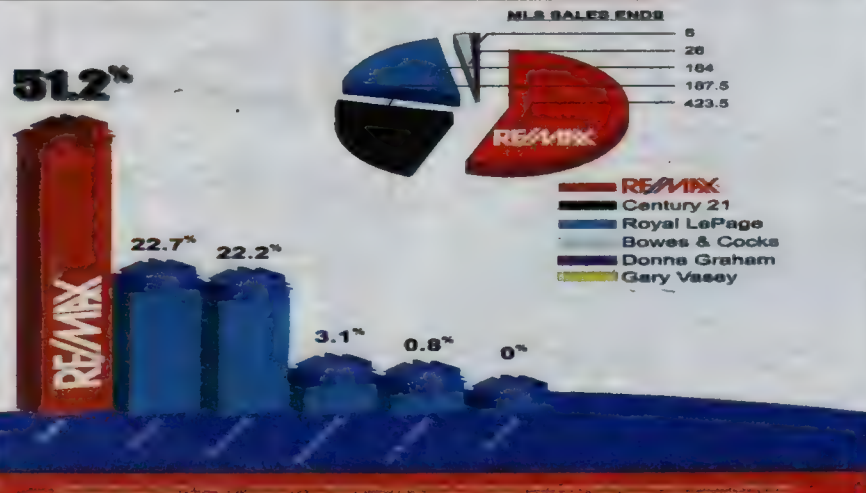
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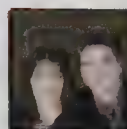
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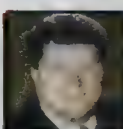
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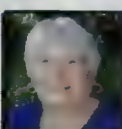
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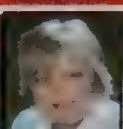
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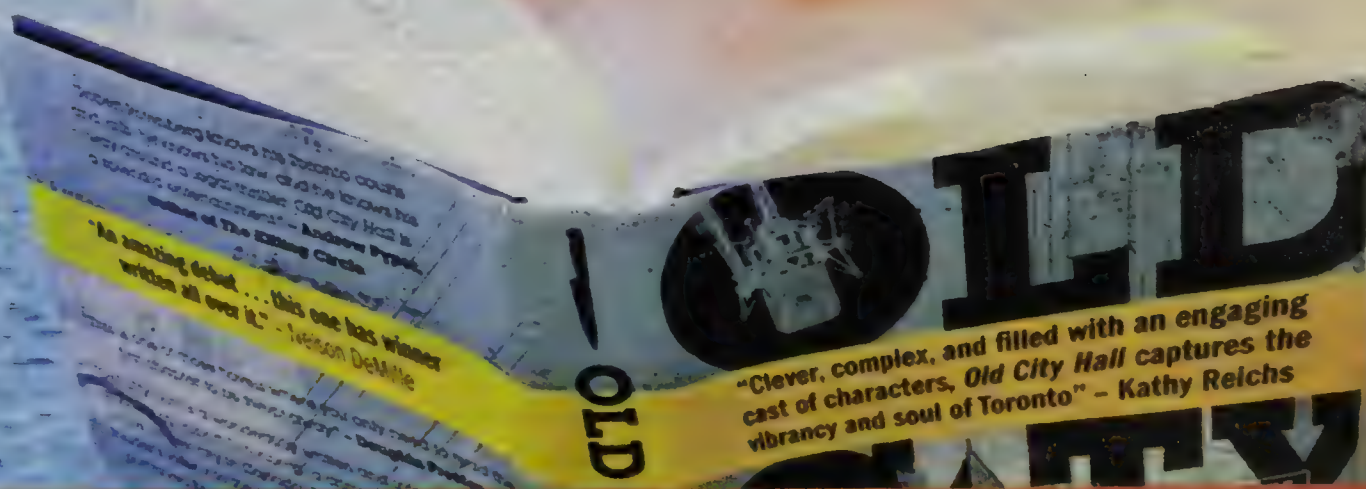


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Murder trail leads to Haliburton

Feature and photos
by Martha Perkins

For the past two hours, Robert Rotenberg has sat as still as Robert Rotenberg can. He's packing a lot into the interview, describing the trajectory his life has taken from the 15-year-old boy who sent a short story to the *New Yorker* magazine, to University of Toronto English major, to hippie Toronto cab driver, to London School of Economics grad, to law student, to editor of a Paris-based magazine, to founder and publisher of *T.O.* magazine, to film executive, to family man, to criminal lawyer starting from scratch, to screenwriter, and, finally, to being the author of a best-selling murder mystery, *Old City Hall*.

But while he's getting his photo taken on the shores of Drag Lake, his cellphone rings. It signals the end of



It took a lot of hard work for Drag Lake cottager Robert Rotenberg, but the thrill of being able to hold his own book – a murder mystery that's become a best seller – makes it all worth it.

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Writing is work, work, work

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the contemplative Rotenberg and the beginning of the frenetic Rotenberg.

The call is from one of his former legal clients who now has cancer but won't go to hospital. Can Bobby give him some money to buy medicine? Rotenberg listens patiently, tells the man he'll see him tomorrow and hangs up.

Now that he's got his cellphone in his hand, however, Rotenberg can't help but check his email messages. There's one from a colleague who wants Rotenberg to take on a new case. Another is from the actor who is reading *Old City Hall* for an audiotope edition of the book. Is it Spa-di-na Avenue or Spa-dee-na, Paul Hecht asks before complimenting Rotenberg on the book. Hecht says he was sad when he read the last page because it meant the characters, who'd become so real to him, would disappear from his life.

Then Rotenberg gets a call from his wife Vaune Davis, a CBC television producer. She's in Toronto and tells him that he has a handwritten letter from Dalton McGuinty. Open it, Rotenberg says, too excited to wait until he gets home to find out what the premier has to say. Davis reads the letter over the phone: McGuinty says he intended to read *Old City Hall* in the summer but he made the mistake of reading the first page shortly after receiving his copy. He couldn't put the book down, and now it's being passed between the entire McGuinty family.

Rotenberg is beaming.

"This is my life," he says, his mind now clearly shifting from cruise control to high gear. "Every time you pick up the phone it could be the law society bugging you to pay your dues or someone who's been accused of murder [and wants you to be his lawyer]."

That's why Rotenberg is confident that he's got a book a year in him for the next 20 years. "If you're looking for drama, you don't have to look further."

Forty years after he sent his first manuscript to a publisher, Rotenberg is poised to be an overnight suc-

cess. *Old City Hall* might be his first book but it seems written by a seasoned pro. It has all the right elements of the genre – quick pacing, tension, comedic relief, character development, fascinating plot. Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in the States and Simon & Schuster in Canada, it is far from being an amateur novel. Rotenberg woke up at five in the morning every day for years so he could squeeze some writing time into his already busy day. As compelled as he was to write, "I was determined that I wasn't going to take anything away from Vaune, my children, my family, my practice," he says. When faced with a deadline or a more difficult section to write, he and his dog Fudge would drive up to the family's distraction-free cottage on Drag Lake for a few days.

"You succeed because you work at it," says Rotenberg. And writing is not about you. It's about the reader. You have to write a book that people want to read.

"If you want to write for yourself, go out into the woods and read it to all the chipmunks," he said. "I just worked and worked and worked. Before I finished, I even hired an actor to read it out loud. Every time he got to a point where it was bogging down, I heard it. You need voice, energy and confidence. It's like a musician who knows when they're on top of their instrument."

Writing a book "puts a huge amount of psychic pressure on you," he says, noting that the first page alone probably took a total of 500 hours to write. "It's a self-imposed pressure of trying to create something that's not temporary."

Shortly after Rotenberg found a publisher in New York, he was told he had to cut his 140,000-word book down to 100,000 words. The cutting took him a few hours – 16 chapters were clinically excised, including one that described Haliburton. Stitching the remaining chapters back together took months.

Because *Old City Hall* is about a murder, the sense of drama is immediate. Ironically, it's the character – one of Canada's most revered radio personalities – who

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The phone calls and emails never stop in Robert Rotenberg's world. He's constantly juggling demands – lawyer, author, husband, father, friend.

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Haliburton is integral part of author's life

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admits to killing his wife in the first chapter who is the most enigmatic. The man whose voice is loved by Canadians does not speak throughout the novel.

But he's not the only one who has parts of his life that he wants to keep hidden. Everyone in the book has a public self and a private self, and the two are often in conflict with one other.

"Mark Twain said, 'We're all like the moon – only half of us is exposed,'" says Rotenberg. "Everyone has something they're trying to hide and everyone has something they're trying to accomplish."

The book's investigator, Ari Greene, who will become an even more familiar character in books to come, has to drive up to Haliburton to talk to the murder suspect's first wife. Sarah McGill illustrates Rotenberg's belief in Robert Louis Stevenson's adage that you don't arbitrarily choose the landscape into which you put a character.

McGill owns the Hardscrabble Café, and she's as no-nonsense as her diner's name (which Rotenberg got from a restaurant in Argyle that he'd pass on the way to his Haliburton cottage). It's not a coincidence that she lives in a land of rocks and trees. "There's something very strong about her," Rotenberg says, "like a rock. She's a foundation person and she's not going to move. She had to be here in Haliburton."

Rotenberg's portrayal of Haliburton is like his portrayal of Toronto – full of respect but not blinded from its imperfections. Like Ari Greene, Rotenberg first came to Haliburton as a camper. He spent six summers at Camp White Pine. "Every Wednesday night was free night and I always went up to the nature hut. Me and Peggy Nature would go up and dissect frogs."

Peggy Nature is the nickname that campers gave Margaret Atwood.

Several years passed before Rotenberg came back to Haliburton, this time as guests with his wife at the Domain of Killien: A year and a half after their first son Peter was born, the Rotenbergs bought their cottage on Drag Lake. Peter, his brother Evan and sister Helen have grown up with Haliburton as a deeply entrenched part of their lives.

There's a ying and yang about Rotenberg's connection with the places where he puts down roots. He writes of Toronto with an intimate knowledge of its history and people, and couldn't imagine setting the book anywhere else. Does he love Toronto? "I don't know," he responds. "I just think it's an endless story. Look it, I could have made other choices in my life. I could have stayed in the film business or lived in Europe but I remember the first day I practised law. I was at the courthouse in Scarborough. [In the hallway] there were 10 people speaking 10 languages. I just thought 'This is a story – a broiling, seething story.' It's about people struggling and determined to make it. If there's anything I love about this city, it's the determination of people. My grandparents also came here with nothing. I think the city succeeds in spite of itself."

He's come to need both Toronto and Haliburton. "Part of living in Toronto is knowing Haliburton is here and part of living in Haliburton is knowing Toronto is there. You don't have one without the other."

"Haliburton is so much a part of me. A friend in

Toronto who loves the country around Georgian Bay once said: I need the north so I can breathe. That's how I feel."

And while not quite ready to give up his law practice, Rotenberg knows he has to keep on writing. He's just submitted his manuscript for his second book – which is inhabited by some of the same characters as *Old City Hall* – and will soon start writing his third.

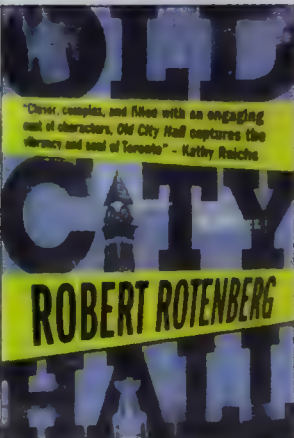
"This is my new job," he says. Publishing a book and watching it take off has given him quite a few pinch-me moments which he needs to sustain him through the tough, lonely work of writing a book. He's exhausted, invigorated, thrilled, vulnerable, proud, anxious – and he couldn't have his life any other way.

He once told his daughter Helen about something

he'd read about Jean-Paul Sartre. As a young man, Sartre would stand in his grandfather's living room, staring into the fire. On the mantel was a row of books, and Sartre imagined the day when all the books would have his name on them.

On the day that Rotenberg received his first copy of *Old City Hall*, he and Helen went into their Toronto living room, hand in hand. Rotenberg placed his book on the bookshelf. "I burst into tears," he says. "I'd worked so hard and given up so much just to be able to put it on the bookshelf."

Robert Rotenberg will be signing copies of *Old City Hall* at Under Cover Books in Haliburton on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.robertrotenberg.com





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Historian turns family history into a novel

• Feature and photo by Martha Perkins •

A horse slowly drags a man's mutilated body through the streets of Millbrook, New York. The year is 1775.

That man was Eli Hawkins and because he survived some pretty harrowing situations, Ruth Still was able to tell his story in her fictionalized family history, *The Saga of a Canadian Family 1733 to 1935*.

"They say you should write about what you know," she says. "My grandfather gave me the facts [about my family's history] and I took it from there."

Although she now lives in Barrie, Still is very well known and respected in the Highlands. When she retired to property she had bought in Eagle Lake, she quickly wove herself into the fabric of village life.

A member of the Eagle Lake Women, she was one of the founders of the Rhubarb Festival, turning Eagle Lake into the Rhubarb Capital of Ontario as

a tribute to the hardy vegetable that provided early settlers one of their few sources of sweetness. She also wrote the book on the village's history, *In the Fullness of Time: The Story of Eagle Lake*.

When it came to writing her own family history, Still wanted it to appeal to more than just her relatives. She feels that Eli Hawkins's story, and that of his descendants, is worth knowing because

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When Ruth Still lived in Eagle Lake, she became so fascinated by the village's history that she wrote a book about it, *In the Fullness of Time: The Story of Eagle Lake*. Then she turned her creative energy into researching and writing about her own family history.



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United Empire Loyalists played essential role

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it tells us so much about the people who helped to found this country.

"It bothers me that no one in this [younger] generation knows who the United Empire Loyalists were and the role they played," she says during a visit to Haliburton. "It was such a proud heritage."

"I researched this book for 10 years so I know what happened in this era and how my forbearers not only survived, but prospered. They were not people who gave up and I'm pretty proud of it."

The Saga of a Canadian Family spans seven generations, ending with the death of her grandfather in 1935. It's a fictionalized account of their lives and she hopes that the book will appeal to all generations.

"It deals with history but it reads like fiction so it has more appeal," she says. "You want young people to know what living was like. It was not easy and the problems were a lot more basic."

Eli Hawkins, the man near death in

the opening chapter of the book, packed up everything he owned and moved his family from New York to New Brunswick in response to the American revolution. Canada was young and wild, a place where early settlers had to rely on their own wits and resources.

Eli died in 1842 but his children carried on the tradition of self-reliance and fortitude. Some of his descendants found their "natural element" in the farmland of Oxford County on the north shore of Lake Erie.

"My great-grandfather helped to build the first cheese factory in Canada," says Still, who was born in 1923 in the nearby village of Brownsville.

"My grandfather had a herd of 80 cows [for milking] but by the time by dad was born it was 60 cows," she says. By the time she was young enough to help on the farm, the Great Depression was starting and family couldn't afford to fix the milking machine so she had to milk six cows every morning before school and every night before bed.

Life was more physically challenging but also very rewarding. "There was a wonderful, strong work ethic. You had a sense of responsibility and if you didn't

work you were resourceful and did something...."

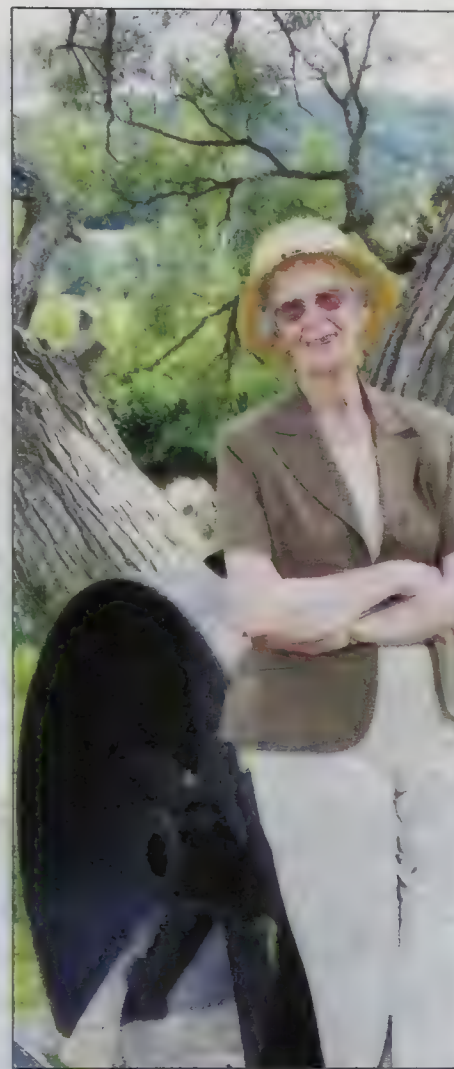
"I've had a wonderful life and I've never complained because I feel that everything I do is my own responsibility. Unless you are physically or developmentally challenged, you are a master of your own destiny."

Being self-reliant was a valued trait – up until a certain point if you were a woman. Still, who developed a neighbourhood in Eagle Lake all on her own, says "I'm an odd one for my family. I'm a risk taker and I like adventure; I've definitely been in some tight spots. However, I have an unshakeable belief in divine providence and it coming to my aid."

Now 86 and the publisher of a newspaper for her residents' association, Still says she has one more book in her. She's like to write about her years in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I wouldn't have survived living on my own up here without those farm lessons," she says.

Copies of *The Saga of a Canadian Family* are available at local bookstores or by contacting Ruth Still at ruth.still@rogers.com.



Ruth Still says she has one more book in her about her years in Eagle Lake.

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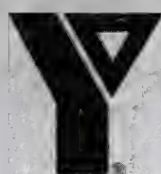
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Old photos put the past in focus

• Book review by Carol Moffatt •

Heritage is one of the most important tools for consolidating a sense of place and its people. It's how we define and value who we are, what we know and where we stand.

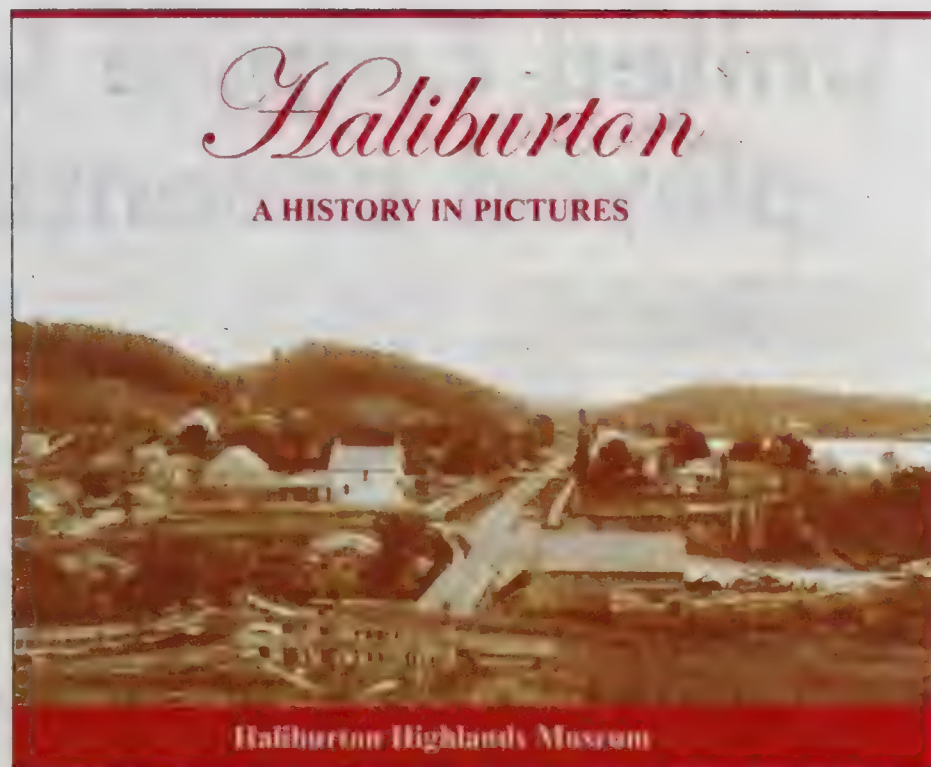
That's why people search for faces and names in all old school group photos, and why we so enjoy the jovial one-upmanship of "I remember when ...". Whether the memory is the day the Molou opened, the big fire on Main Street, or when the stoplights went in at the corner, these conversations unite us and give us a sense of belonging.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum

last year published *Haliburton - A History in Pictures* to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The book is a selection of historical photographs from the museum's impressive photo collection. It illustrates the history of the village of Haliburton and surroundings, and provides ample fodder for our sense of place.

The book is divided into 11 categories and each category is introduced by a succinct historical overview. Each photo is described in a short block of text that has been gleaned and assembled from a

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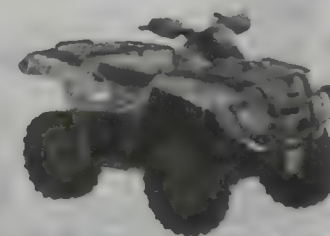


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It was a hardscrabble life for early settlers

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variety of sources including local history books, museum archives and the incredible - and curious - minds of museum director Tom Ballantine and curator Stephen Hill. (You'll find a comprehensive list of local history books on page 2 and although most are out of print, searching for them in old bookstores, neighbours' attics or online can be fun.)

The book provides a wonderful balance of people, places and things; not too many of any one kind of photo, and just enough text to intrigue and inform the reader but not bore him. The layout is clean and crisp, allowing space for the browser to mentally amble from one image to the next. The reader will immediately recognize the contents of some photos, yet find himself trying to visualize others in a sort of cerebral game of Then and Now.

I like a book that leaves me with considerations, that makes me wonder what the character did next. I've thumbed through this book a dozen times and each time I've wondered about its cast of characters: the people. What did they think when they arrived? Can you imagine living here then? How hardy did they have to be? I admire their strength and tenacity, and I sympathize with the inevitable losses of such a hardscrabble existence.

Best of all, I wanted more. And knowing that this book encompasses only a selection of what's carefully stored and catalogued at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, I eagerly await the next in what could easily be a series of coffee table books.

The forefathers of the Highlands scratched a living from an unforgiving landscape. Many left, but those who stayed created a place, a life and a home. Every generation makes changes to a place and our local communities, Haliburton Village among them, are no different. Those changes eventually become the norm, giving way for the next generation, each one with its strengths and losses. Without the photos and the stories, we wouldn't have the sense of place that the Highlands provides us and its uniqueness would be gobbled up by the next generation's definition.

Mssrs. Ballantine and Hill and the folks who made up the book committee are to be heartily congratulated on their creation. Recognition and thanks must also be extended to the people who have donated photos to the museum's collection. The introduction of the book modestly asks that readers consider allowing the museum to copy their photos and I echo that request.

There are five museums in Haliburton County, each very different from the other. So before you go to the landfill, make a call. Collecting and interpreting local heritage is like a giant jigsaw puzzle. Unless you ask, you'll never know if that photo or letter is the one critical piece that makes the picture complete, or is one more contribution to the endless blue sky. Either way, it's still a valuable piece of the puzzle.

Enjoy this book. And visit your local museum.

Carol Moffatt is the founder of the Stanhope Heritage Museum. She's played an active role in maintaining and enhancing local heritage, including the restoration of the Hawk Lake log chute.



Thanks to families who shared their photos with the Haliburton museum, the book provides a fascinating glimpse into our past.

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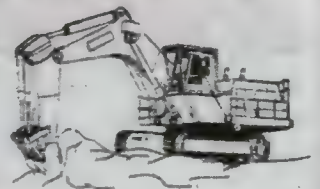
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Hall's Lake Tour – Saturday, May 17, 1 pm
Meet at Elvin Johnson Park, Old Mill Rd
Explore a cycling route in the Algonquin Highlands!

This is a 25k tour of the roads around Hall's Lake and is moderately hilly. The tour may also go to the Hawk Lake Log Chute.

Cycle to Bonnieview – Sunday May 24, 10 am
Meet at the Haliburton town docks
Register with the Health Unit 457-1391
Come out for a leisurely 10k ride, suitable for families. Enjoy the beautiful lakeside view. Light refreshments will be available for \$6 per person.

Learn to Geocache – Wed. May 27, 7 – 8:30 pm
Meet in Head Lake Park, Haliburton,
Register with the Health Unit, 457-1391

Geocaching is a great way for people of all ages to get out and explore by foot and by bike! Learn the basics, including how to find caches online, use a GPS, and go seeking caches. Bring a GPS if you have one; some will be available to borrow. (max. 10 families)

Yoga for Cyclists – Thur. May 28, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Blue Sky Yoga Studio

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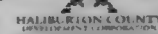
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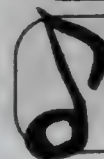
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• by Sharon Lawrence •

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I have chosen three extraordinary books by my late husband, *Paddy*, *The North Runner*, and *The Ghost Walker*; all three books combine adventure with a keen

appreciation of the natural beauty of Canada.

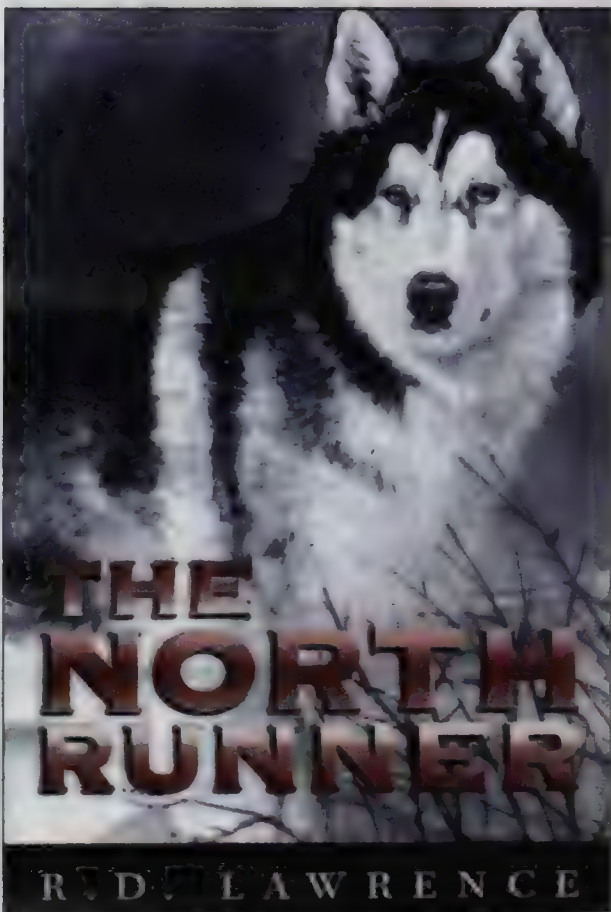
Ron Lawrence was a keen observer who could write in terms that are understandable to the layman without neglecting in any way the scientific facts. These books are ageless, and all would be wonderful if they were ever made into movies.

THE NORTH RUNNER

The hero of this book is Yukon, a huge 120 pound lead sled dog, half wolf and half Alaskan malamute. When R.D. Lawrence bought this memorable wolf-dog, Yukon was out to kill any man who got within

reach. Yukon became Lawrence's closest companion, and together they hunted, trapped and hauled wood through the frozen forests of Northern Ontario, and also explored the interior wilderness of British Columbia. Dog and man endure blizzards, storms and near death incidents, which make for absorbing reading. The book is captivating, and offers a secret trip – a vacation adventure such as most of us have secretly longed for but will never achieve otherwise.

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One of Ron Lawrence's most beloved book, *The North Runner*, explores his extraordinary friendship with Yukon, half sled dog, half wolf.

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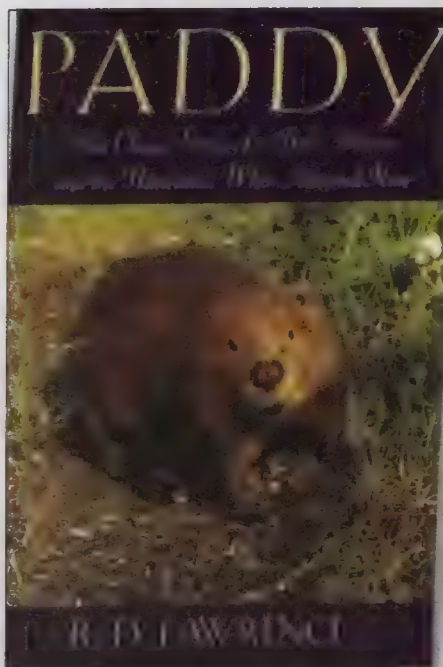
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On a canoe trip near Bancroft, Lawrence rescued a beaver kit whose mother had been killed by a wolf.

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PADDY, ORPHAN OF THE WILD

Ron had planned a perfect summer canoe trip – four months on an isolated Ontario lake in the Bancroft/Algonquin Park area, to pursue the study of North American beaver. To his delight he found a beaver kit, whose mother had been killed by a wolf, and in no time, Paddy won a place not only in Lawrence's sleeping bag but also in his heart. Paddy is an engaging book, a sentimental story about the perils and pleasures of raising a beaver kit. If you like your heartstrings torn by a story, you will like this tale.

THE GHOST WALKER

Ron settled himself in the British Columbia wilderness, the Selkirk Mountain range, from September to mid-July, for a continuous field study of the elusive mountain lion (cougar, puma), an animal that had fascinated him for 25 years. For the next 10 months, he neither saw nor spoke with another human being. His encounters with the "Ghost", the wolf "White Spot" and other creatures

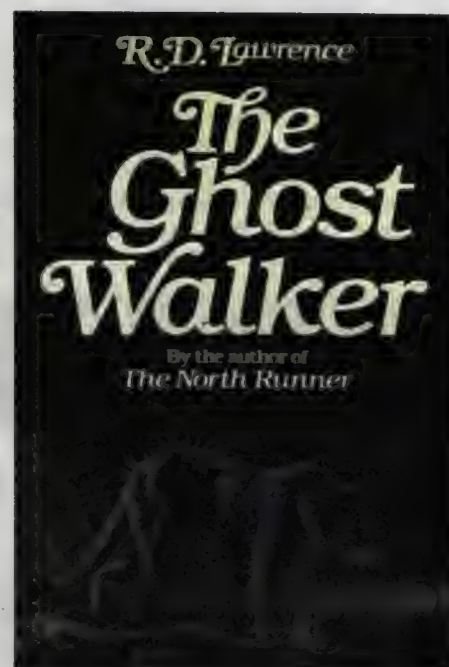
are downright riveting but this is also the story of one man's survival alone in the wilderness as he sharpens his senses to their utmost and becomes intimately familiar with the environment. Meticulous observations, reflections of solitude, the author's sensitivity to the wilderness, and his clinical knowledge as a biologist make this more than an adventure story.

By the time he left the wilderness, he had not only learned a great deal about how the puma lives in its natural state, but he had also won the trust of two members of the species.

R.D. Lawrence was a field biologist, journalist, naturalist, wildlife rehabilitator, and an intrepid wanderer, who explored Canada from coast to coast to coast. He wrote 30 books which were published internationally.

Ron and his wife Sharon lived in Haliburton County, where they raised injured and orphaned wildlife at their private sanctuary, Wolf Hollow. Ron died November 27, 2003 at the age of 82.

After his death, Sharon played an instrumental role in the creation of R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden, which is a testament to his environmental ideals.



Meticulous observation of an elusive mountain lion make this book about one man's survival in the wilderness more than an adventure story.

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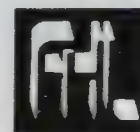
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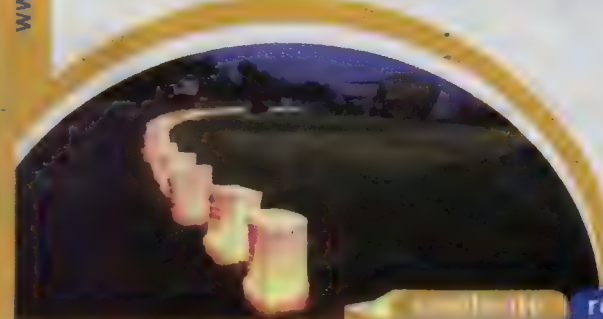
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Steve Galea, hiding under the bench at Head Lake Park, tries to avoid the season's first assignment – the library – while rookie investigator Jenn Watt tries to coax him out of hiding. Former investigator Greg Hoekstra has left to pursue his dream career as a *Where's Waldo?* impersonator.

Under cover at the library

Awkward Moments • Column by Steve Galea • Photos by Matt James

Library? Why did it have to be the library?" I moaned as I lamented our first investigative assignment of the summer.

"What's so bad about the library?" my fellow reporter and investigator, Jenn Watt, asked.

I blanched at the question. Then I developed a severe facial tick, shook like a leaf, went weak at the knees, developed noticeable hives, rashes, and open sores, barely suppressed the impulse to vomit, and became exceedingly dizzy while simultaneously swelling up at the ankles and sobbing uncontrollably.

"Hey," she said, "I'm beginning to suspect that something might be bothering you."

Well, I thought, at least she possessed the intuition and deductive reasoning required to make it as an investigative journalist on this team. Despite this, I worried about her. After all, doing the bidding of the Dark Lord, otherwise known as Editor Parsimonious Perkins, was never an easy thing. It required a superhuman threshold for humiliation and self-degradation as well as a certain panache for grovelling. I had seen Watt grovel; she had no panache.

On the other hand, my former sidekick Greg Hoekstra had demonstrated these qualities in spades. Sadly, however, he had recently left to follow his dream of becoming a professional *Where's Waldo?*

impersonator. He left me with the prophetic words, "It's a big world out there Steve, and I want to get lost in it."

Now, here I was saddled with another rookie reporter to show the ropes. She sat completely unaware that this summer she and her dignity would part ways.

"Well," she said, "is something wrong?"

I turned to face her and confessed.

"Between you and me, it's extremely risky for me to go near libraries."

She looked at me as if, sometime in my youth, an entire encyclopedia set had fallen from the top shelf and onto my head. Which in fact it had, several times, but that was beside the point.

"If it were anyone else, I wouldn't believe it," she replied. "But somehow, with you, this rings true."

"It is true," I said. "I have a checkered past when it comes to libraries."

"How bad can it be?" she asked.

"Bad enough that I needed to leave the country until the heat died down; I also changed my name several times, and only returned after I had extensive facial reconstruction and a severe height reduction. Even so, I still need to be very careful around librarians."

"Hold it! You had facial reconstruction and you chose that face?"

"It was all I could afford after the library fines," I answered.

I then explained to Jenn that I still

remained on the Most Wanted list in 16 separate library districts.

"For what?" she asked.

"Unpaid fines on overdue books mostly," I said. "But I am also wanted in three jurisdictions for giggling boisterously in quiet reading areas and for shuffling several card catalogues. Once, I even removed a book from the non-fiction shelf and placed it in the magazine rack.

That's when I knew that I had finally gone too far."

"Why?" she said, completely horrified. "You look so norm.... Okay, scratch that. But this still doesn't seem like you."

I looked her square in the eyes and told the rest of my sad tale.

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Watt meets with Haliburton County head librarian Bessie Sullivan, who is immediately suspicious of Galea, despite his disguise. *Where's Hoekstra?*

Galea finally fesses up

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"I couldn't help it. I was a bitter man back in those days. You see, I wanted to be a librarian in the worst way – which is, you'll note, the same way that I'm a journalist now. The difference is that as a librarian I was a natural. I had all the tools. I was an internationally recognized authority on the post-modernist era dust jackets; I could recite the Dewey decimal system cold, and I had a photographic memory regarding due dates and renewals."

"If you loved the library that much, why did you turn on it so savagely?" she asked.

Even now, it was hard for me not to be upset about it. "Jenn, don't you understand? I was almost a librarian, darn it! A librarian! I took all the tests. I passed the written and verbal components with flying colours," I began.

"What happened then?"

"I failed the physical," I hissed.

"You failed a librarian physical?"

"Couldn't reach the top shelf," I whis-

pered softly as my eyes welled up. "After that, I guess I just lashed out."

She looked at me and shook her head.

"You're not going to turn me in are you?" I asked. "That was a different time. I was a different man. I'm reformed now, I swear! I don't even violate the due date on processed cheese anymore."

As further proof, I showed her my library card.

"You're really proud of that thing aren't you?" she said, smiling.

"Does it show?"

"Well, I've never seen one that's been professionally framed before," she answered.

With that burden lifted from my shoulders, I began to breathe a little easier. I think Watt finally understood.

"Let's go to the library shall we?" she announced calmly.

"I'm scared," I admitted.

"There's nothing to be afraid of," she said quietly, in her best indoor voice. "Perkins just wants us to meet

the new director of library services, Bessie Sullivan at the new library in Haliburton."



Once Sullivan recognized Galea, a hot pursuit commenced. Where's Hoekstra?

"Bessie Sullivan?" I screeched.

It was a name all too familiar to me.

Sullivan was the hard-nosed county library official in charge of my case file. Years ago, I had given her the slip in Budapest, and eluded her in Prague, and then again in Beijing, but only because I slipped her rickshaw driver an Ex-Lax – which was not pretty. Yes, Sullivan was good, but I always one step ahead of her. I was the one case she had failed to put on the shelf. And now we would meet again.

The question was, would she remember me?

When we arrived at the site of the new library in Head Lake Park, my keen investigative eyes took it all in.

"Jenn," I yelped, "this place has been burglarized. There's no roof, no books, no furniture, no carpeting. This is awful!"

"Actually, it's under construction," Bessie Sullivan replied as she stepped

silently out of the shadows. "Now shh-hhh."

Watt looked at me quizzically, and whispered, "Why is she hushing us?"

"She's a librarian," I answered. "She can't help it. If she wanted to, she could hush us in 12 languages."

Jenn greeted Bessie enthusiastically and then proceeded to make the introductions.

"Shhhhhhhh, it's very nice to meet you both. Shhhh," Sullivan said in her best library voice.

"Steve," she then asked, "there's something familiar about you. Shhhh. Have you ever been to Prague?"

"No," I whispered. "Never."

She looked at me again and then led us on a tour of the new library facility.

"Shhhhhhhhhhh. This is where the books will be," she whispered. "They'll be here too. And here. And here. And

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Bessie the librarian is stronger than she looks

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here. How about Budapest?"

"How many books will the new library house?" Jenn asked, trying to change the subject.

"Never mind that!" I blurted out defiantly. "Will this library facility be accessible to those of us with height issues?"

"Galea!" she exclaimed quietly. "I always knew we'd meet again."

"I thought you said you changed your name," Watt said.

"I did. For a while, I spelled it with a lower case g," I explained.

"As in galea?" She asked.

"No, as in gteve," I replied.

As Sullivan stared me down, I considered offering Watt an Ex-Lax. But, as fur-

ther proof of my reformation, I instead decided that this was my problem and that there should not be any collateral damage. So I bolted.

Several steps later, Sullivan had me cornered and a life or death tug-of-war for my library cards began. Years of stacking hardcover versions of *War and Peace*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Wuthering Heights* and *Moby Dick* had made her strong beyond belief. Before I knew it, she had confiscated all of my cards. It was identity theft at its most literary.

Terrified, I ran off with Sullivan in hot pursuit. Suddenly, it occurred to me that I had been eluding librarians for far too long. So I stopped, faced her, and breathing hard, grit my teeth, waiting for the inevitable high-risk take down that was sure to come.

"Shhhhhh and stand clear!" Sullivan yelled. "The last time I saw a look like that was on a rickshaw driver in Beijing. And, believe me, what happened next wasn't pretty."

"Relax, this is my normal look," I suggested, as put my hands up.

Sullivan soon put me in an iron-clad arm lock and called for back up. Before long, Vicki 1 and Vicki 2 showed up to cordon off the area and recommend

good reads.

"Book 'em!" Sullivan yelled triumphantly as they took me away.

The next day, I pleaded guilty to everything. Fortunately, the library system had mercy upon me and I was given time off for good behaviour.

For the first time in years, I felt no guilt. It was if another chapter in my life had passed. And that was long overdue, if you ask me.



Finally caught outside the new Haliburton library, Galea confesses to his crimes. Where's Hoekstra?

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The lessons of Sand County

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If I could read and study only a single book that detailed the natural world and our impact on it, *A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There* by revered naturalist Aldo Leopold would probably be the one I'd choose. First published in 1949, this book was quickly recognized as something special, and is now commonly regarded as a classic.

The reasons are many.

First, it is beautifully written. Leopold's literary style is spare, timeless, and poetic. With an incredible economy of words, he records personal observations of natural occurrences that he witnessed on his farm in a unique region of North America called the Sand County of Wisconsin. His writing is a pleasant mix of philosophy and natural history, with just the right touch of romanticism thrown in. There's genuine affection for the land in his words as he waxes eloquently about everything from catalpa worms and wildflowers to buffalo.

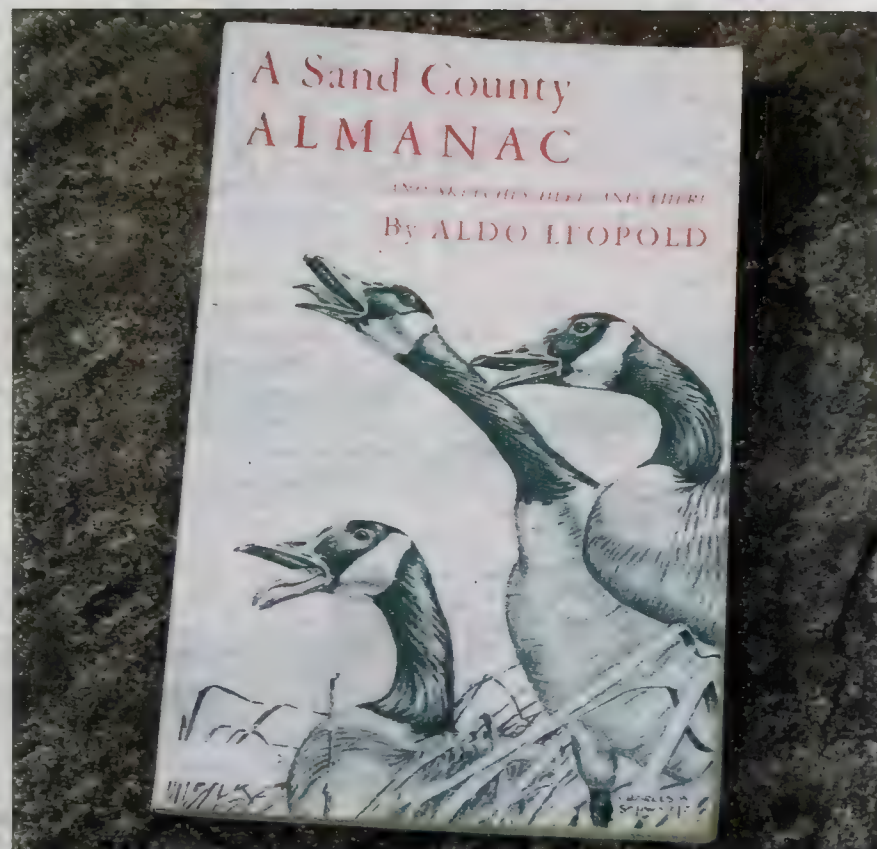
He begins with the simple sentences, "There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot." It's fine writing, plainly spoken, and with purpose.

Leopold was more than a talented writer, however. He was a career naturalist who worked in the U.S. Forest Service in many

capacities. As such, he didn't see humanity as separate from nature. In fact, like many of the great naturalists, he was an ardent hunter whose reverence for the outdoors was beyond reproach. In fact, much of our modern conservation ethic was born or refined in those pages.

More than that, his scientific background and analytical mind allowed him to understand and explain what he saw. That, I think is the greatest gift that Leopold provides. His observations and explanations encourage would-be naturalists to think about the world around them and pay closer attention when they are outside. Nothing was too insignificant to escape Leopold's attention. Because of this, his writing touches upon the inter-connectedness of everything in nature. He constantly asked questions and tried to place things in context.

This is why this book, though written about a very special part of Wisconsin, is also valuable right here in Haliburton County and everywhere else. I can't think of any naturalist who would not be inspired by Leopold's curiosity and respect for the land and its denizens. Very gently, and perhaps even unwittingly, it teaches you how to consider the natural world. And it translates well through though it was written sixty years ago in a place far away.



A Sand County Almanac, and Sketches Here and There by Aldo Leopold is beautifully written and pertinent to Highlands readers.

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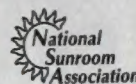
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